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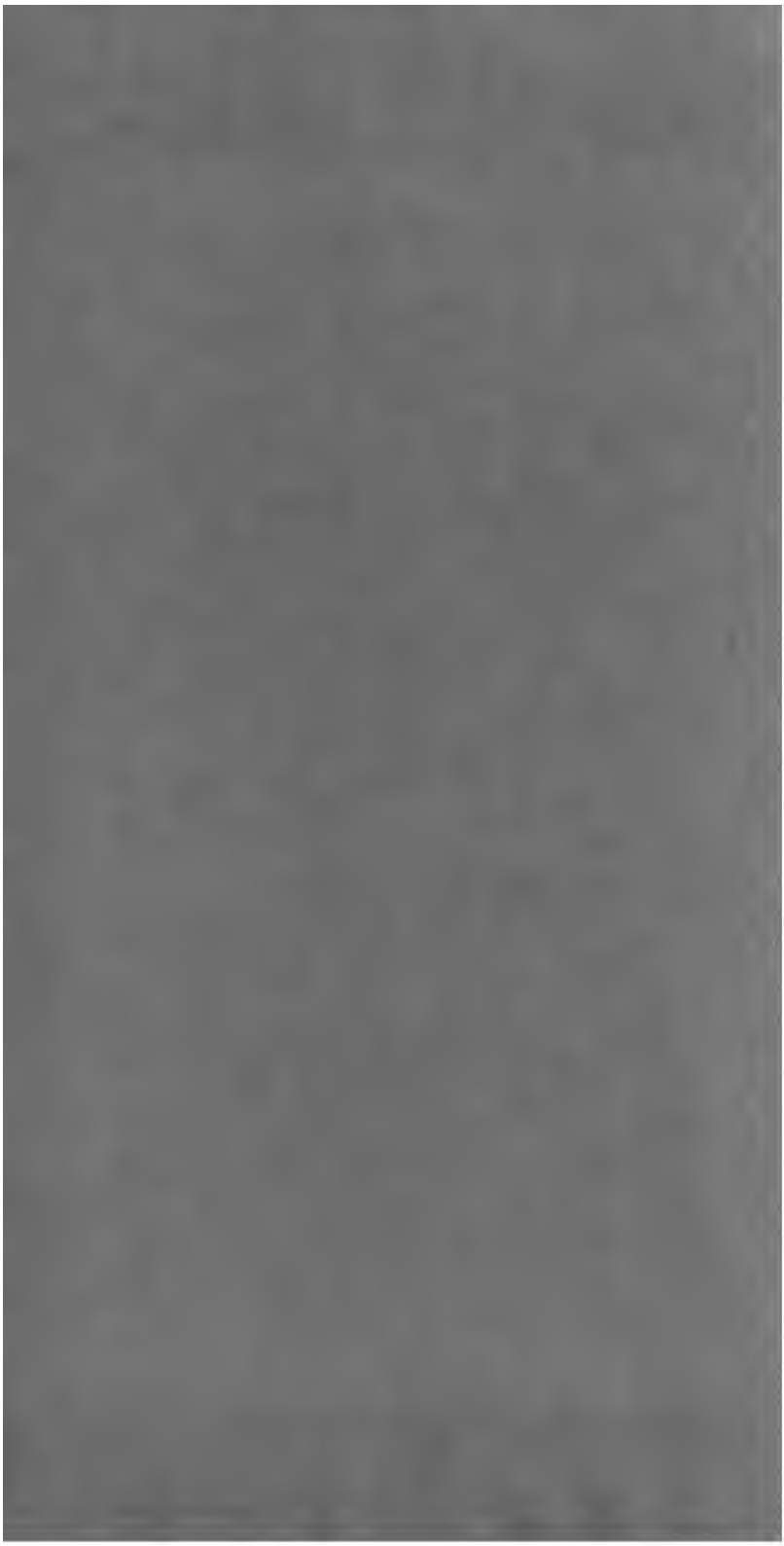

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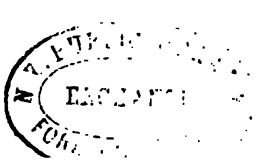

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THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF TARRYTOWN, N. Y., ON THE 5TH OF MAY, 1891, AT 3 O'CLOCK, P. M., AND ADJOURNED AT 12:30 O'CLOCK, P. M., OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE SESSION.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by the retiring President, the Rev. Lewis Francis, who also preached the sermon before Synod, on the evening of the first day of the Session, from I Timothy 1:11, "According to the glorious Gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.—Ministers—

Classis of Hudson.—Ministers—Ferdinand S. Schenck, D.D., Edward G. Ackerman, John G. Gebhard. *Elders*—Peter F. Potts, John C. Benham, M. D.

Classis of Kingston.—Ministers—John B. Church, Paul T. Deyo, A. H. Huizinga, Ph. D., Stephen D. Noyes. *Elders*—Robert Dunn, Jacob L. Snyder, Elijah DuBois.

North Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—James Demarest, D.D., Wm. S. Cranmer. *Elder*—James S. Burroughs.

South Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—A. J. Hageman, John E. Lloyd. *Elders*—Silas B. Dutcher, A. F. Hazen.

Classis of New York.—Ministers—Talbot W. Chambers, D.D., Madison C. Peters, Henry M. Cox, G. Edwin Talmage. *Elders*—John Graham, Edmund Bodine, Wm. Frederick Layton.

Classis of Orange.—Ministers—John L. Stillwell, Marion T. Conklin, H. A. Hendrickson. *Elder*—Theodore Millspaugh, M.D.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Ministers—John F. Shaw, C. S. Hageman, D. D., J. Edward Lyall. *Elder*—T. A. Van Wagner.

Classis of Westchester.—Ministers—John K. Allen, Chas. K. Clearwater, John A. Todd, D. D., George Rockwell. *Elders*—Nicholas B. Hunter, William F. Minnerly.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. James Demarest, D.D., was elected President, and the Rev. John K. Allen, Vice-President. The Revs. John B. Church and John G. Gebhard were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUESTS.

The Minutes of the Session of 1890 were read, and the printed record of them approved. The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschooten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF SYNOD.

The Rules of Order were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were the Standing Committees.

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.—*Ministers*—A. J. Hageman, Madison C. Peters, Marion T. Conklin. *Elders*—A. F. Hazen, Jacob L. Snyder, Nicholas B. Hunter.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.—*Arcot.*— —— —— *Hudson.*—Rev. John F. Shaw. *Elder*—John Graham. *Kingston.*—Rev. Chas. K. Clearwater. *Elder*—Edmund Bodine. *North Long Island.*—Rev. John G. Gebhard. *Elder*—J. L. Snyder. *South Long Island.*—Rev. Ferd. S. Schenck. *Elder*—J. C. Benham. *New York.*—Rev. John B. Church. *Elder*—Robert Dunn. *Orange.*—Rev. Paul T. Deyo. *Elder*—W. T. Minnerly. *Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. Madison C. Peters. *Elder*—N. B. Hunter. *Westchester.*—Rev. E. G. Ackerman. *Elder*—W. F. Layton.

ON CLASSICAL REPORTS, OR STATE OF RELIGION.—*Ministers*—Ferdinand S. Schenck, Chas. K. Clearwater, John L. Stillwell. *Elders*—Wm. Fred. Layton, Robert Dunn, John Graham.

ON THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.—*Ministers*—Talbot W. Chambers, John F. Shaw, G. Edwin Talmage. *Elders*—J. C. Benham, Edmund Bodine, Silas B. Dutcher.

ON OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—*Ministers*—Abel H. Huizinga, E. G. Ackerman, Paul T. Deyo. *Elders*—A. F. Hazen, John Graham, N. B. Hunter.

ON NOMINATIONS.—*Ministers*—John A. Todd, Madison C. Peters, George Rockwell. *Elders*—Edmund Bodine, J. L. Snyder, Wm. T. Minnerly.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, informing Synod that the Rev. Dr. Talbot W. Chambers, President of the Board, was duly authorized by said Board to represent it and its interests at the present Session of this Particular Synod.

Referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, accrediting the Rev. Dr. Peter Stryker, of New York, to Synod as the representative of the Board to speak upon its work.

Referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

A communication was received from the Rev. George D. Hulst, of the South Bushwick Reformed Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., inviting Particular Synod, on behalf of his Consistory, to meet in this church at the next regular Session, in 1892.

The communication was received, and the invitation accepted by Synod.

A communication was received from Rev. Geo. S. Payson, Secretary of the League for Moral Instruction in Public Schools, asking that Synod's committee appointed last year be continued, and that some expression of Synod's sentiments regarding the objects of the League be made at the present Session.

Received and referred to Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the Minutes

of the General Synod and the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago, New Brunswick and New York, which have been referred to them.

We would call attention to the first resolution on page 80 of the Minutes of General Synod, in which "Committees of Particular Synods on the State of Religion be instructed to record in the 'Narrative' portion of their reports any figures, facts, queries or suggestions affecting Sunday school work and catechetical instruction, which in their judgment will guide General Synod's Committee in framing their report."

We would further call attention to the third of General Synod's recommendations on page 138 of the Minutes, viz.: "That the Particular Synods . . . be and hereby are instructed to appoint a Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence."

As it does not appear from the Minutes of this Particular Synod that any such committee exists, and as added importance is given to this subject from the present pressing needs of the Boards of the Church, your Committee would recommend that such Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence be appointed by this Synod, and your Committee suggest the following as members of this Committee, Revs. E. B. Coe, A. P. Van Gieson, F. S. Schenck; Elders, S. B. Dutcher, A. H. Downer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HAGEMAN.

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick, were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS, OR THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on Classical Reports, or the State of Religion, reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully reports:

All the Classis have given full reports and the year has been one of great prosperity in the Synod, for which we may well thank God and take courage.

We limit our further report to a comparison of statistics with those of last year. We have gained two churches and five ministers during the year and over 1,100 families. Last year we received into the membership of the church on Confession of Faith, 1,674; this year, 2,088; an increase of 414; and by Certificate, last year, 792; this year, 1,072; an increase of 280; our total membership now numbers 31,389, an increase over last year of 1,192. This encouraging increase has been quite evenly distributed among the various Classis; but the missionary Classis of Arcot has been especially blessed in the number of converts, having received 146, more than double the number of the previous year. We note also an increase of 122 infants baptized, and of 931 in the enrollment of Sunday schools; an encouragement for the future which is somewhat shaded by a decrease of 549 in the number of catechumens.

The benevolent contributions this year show a startling decrease of $21,104; which seems hard to account for considering that the contributions for congregational purposes have increased a little over $6,000, and in view of the large increase in the membership, witnessing the Holy Spirit's power in conversions from the world. The benevolent columns further show that of the whole amount (in round numbers) of $135,000, only $82,000 were given for denominational purposes, and $52,000 for other than denominational objects.

We offer the following:

Resolved, That the attention of Pastors and Congregations of the Particular Synod of New York be directed to the

large disproportion between contributions to the immediate objects of the denomination, and to other objects, and to urge a more sacred sense of and liberal regard for benevolent objects of the denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

F. S. SCHENCK, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

No report. Statistical Table *infra.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

Your committee on the State of Religion would respectfully submit the following:

Reports have been received from all the churches in Classis, the records of which give abundant grounds for encouragement. While, with the exception of Hudson, no large accession to the communion of any one church has been made, yet all give evidence of the influence of the Divine Spirit in converting grace. The benevolence of the churches shows a marked change for the better. Every department of church life seems to be in a healthy and vigorous condition. Each church has a pastor, and each is hopeful.

We gather from these reports the following items of interest:

First Claverack. No especial religious interest has pervaded the congregation, yet fifteen precious souls, publicly professing Christ, have united with the church. The Sabbath school work has been carried on with gratifying success, but the Christian Endeavor Societies, have, perhaps, shown the most conspicuous advance, and accomplished the most marked results among the young.

There are now five of these organizations within the bounds of the parish, the influence of which, in developing the latent gifts of the young and building them up in the faith of Christ, cannot be overestimated. The benevolent contributions of the church have increased materially; exceeding $1,100. Of this amount more than $100 was contributed by

the Sunday school; and $323, raised chiefly by the ladies of the church, was devoted to special missionary work within the bounds of the congregation.

The work of Mr. C. L. Palmer has been, in part, devoted to the non-church-going element around us, whom the ordinary services of the church have failed to reach. Gospel services have been held, cottage prayer-meetings conducted, house to house visitation made, and other efforts employed to lead these wandering sheep toward and into the Church. While the benevolent features of our work have advanced, the temporal wants of the congregation have not suffered thereby.

Second Claverack. As a church we have been richly blessed in all directions, the prevailing spirit of our report being one of thankfulness. Organized work has never been carried forward among us more thoroughly or successfully. An unusual number of our older members have been called during the past year to their reward, which makes us especially thankful for the number of young men added to our communion upon confession of their faith in Christ. Our great desire and prayer is for a deep work of grace among the unconverted husbands, and fathers and sons in the congregation, for which may the Master strengthen us successfully to labor.

Gallatin. Our hope, as expressed by the Consistory one year ago, has in part been realized. Two members have been dismissed, three have died, five have been received on confession and one by certificate. Our lot seems to be to have a large share of those hindrances which are common to all, and yet the spiritual condition of the church is better now than at any time during the present pastorate. There are many non-professors eager to hear the truth, and many touching confidences that are encouraging, especially those that come from the old friends of the church.

Germantown. A debt of $300 has been liquidated. A society of King's Daughters has been formed. Plans are being made whereby to raise money to improve the parsonage and the grounds. The prayer-meetings of the church are well attended, and with an unusual interest.

Greenport. The past year has been one of encouragement in some respects, and discouragement in others. It has been a year of losses in men and means. Several of our best supporters have passed away, and with their death their financial aid has ceased. But, while regretting our loss, we gratefully acknowledge the addition of ten on confession, and one by certificate, showing, thereby, that the Divine Spirit has been in our midst, giving us hope for the future of more blessed results.

Hudson. The marked event in our history, this year, was our uniting with the Evangelistic Churches of the city in a special and earnest effort to bring the Gospel more prominently to the attention of the whole population. During the latter part of February the Rev. B. Fay Mills conducted evangelistic meetings with great success. Through the blessing of God upon this effort a deep and widespread religious interest resulted, and still continues. The great addition to the church upon confession is largely due to this movement. In the early autumn a large Chautauquan Literary and Scientific Circle was formed, and many members are now pursuing this course of reading and enjoying the literary and social culture of the meetings of the circle. Recently a brotherhood of Andrew and Philip has been formed among the young men. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor is growing rapidly, and doing excellent work for Christ and His Church. The various ladies' organizations are maintained in great efficiency. An unusual interest is manifested in our Sunday school, being more largely attended than ever before in its history. The officers and teachers are diligent and faithful, and many scholars have, during the year, confessed their faith in Christ. The benevolent work of the church has been sustained, and somewhat enlarged. We have abundant cause to thank God and be of good courage.

Linlithgo. The unconverted of our congregation are seriously meditating the things that belong to the soul's salvation. Our church members are consecrated and earnest in the Master's work. All appeals for benevolent operations are listened to, and a marked disposition on the part of all to respond thereto. The various agencies for church work are

in good order. Christian character has been materially developed.

Livingston reports: Advance along all the lines of church work. This is to be noted especially in an improved spiritual interest, enlarged collections from church and Sunday school, better attendance at prayer-meetings, and an increased membership both to church and Young People's Society. Five have been added to the communion of the church on Confession of Faith in Christ. Among various improvements is that of a church tower which, when completed, will afford a room for Sunday school and prayer-meetings, the entire cost of which, amounting to $4,500, is met by Mr. Livingston.

Upper Red Hook reports: The peace of our town has continued through another year. God has been merciful unto us, though we have no special features of church life and work to report; no marked visitation of the Divine Spirit, and no unusual activities put forth. The work and worship of the church continues in the same manner as in the past, and with certain evidences of good results. Christian character developes; the godliness that is profitable unto all things takes many forms; and the spirit of beneficence manifests the interest of the people in the cause of the Lord. Several severe afflictions have entered our homes filling the heart with sorrow, but the grace of the Lord hath abounded in these times of need. An elder who has represented this church in Classis was called to his rest on Easter morning. The Ladies' Social Circle by its wise scheme has been very helpful to our financial situation. Enlargement would be welcome but it does not come. A more general spirit of consecration would solve all our needs and bring to us the desire of our hearts, and so we pray come Holy Spirit, come.

West Copake. Regular work has been done in a regular way. If the various beneficial means to enlist interest would be used wisely in this locality, perhaps more would be accomplished. Only consecration and work have succeeded in the past and upon the same we must rely for the future. We report benevolent contributions increased, current expenses paid in full. Sunday school never larger, church attendance good, and the prospect fair to soon put in order some more

weak places. There is much reason for gratitude and zeal This we have gathered from the reports, and in view of these facts, does it not become us as a Classis to be grateful to the Great Head of the Church for His grace revealed unto us all, and to possess an increased stimulus in the blessed work He has committed to our hands?

Ministerial Changes. The Rev. Edward G. Ackerman has been received from the Classis of Ulster, and installed pastor of the Greenport church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. VAUGHAN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully present the following report: That reports from all the churches of the Classis have been received, except Dashville Falls.

From those that have reported we learn that 267 were added on confession, being 118 more than were added in this manner last year. Fifty also were added by certificate, being two more than last year. Deaths, suspensions, dismissions being deducted, the gain is 178.

The churches more largely blessed are Bloomingdale, The Clove, Krumville, New Paltz, Rochester and Rosendale, while none have been without indications of the Master's presence and blessing.

The Sunday school work is in a prosperous condition and in most, if not in all, the churches Societies of Christian Endeavor are helpful.

In some of the churches the offerings to missions are liberal, while others able to do more need to cultivate the grace of benevolence to a larger extent.

The churches in substance speak as follows: Bloomingdale has enjoyed the Holy Spirit throughout the year. During the present pastorate thirty-three have been received on confession. "The Sabbath school has increased in numbers. Benevolent collections also show an increase. A Society of Christian Endeavor was organized during the winter and numbers about seventy active and associate mem-

bers. Their meetings are largely attended and are interesting and helpful to the young. For these evidences of prosperity we thank God and take courage."

The Clove church is in a healthy condition. The growth of the year has been gradual and full of promise. Some for years unreached have recently been reached, and a large number of the young have consecrated themselves to the service of the Master. Sabbath school work prospers. The temperance pledge introduced and the inauguration of a weekly teachers' prayer-meeting are the specialties of the year. With all the agencies they have on hand, they feel more ought to have been accomplished for the honor of the Master and the salvation of souls. While the lack of consecration of prayer is deplored for the coming year, the battle cry is "The Sword of the Lord and Gideon."

Dashville Falls sends no report.

Guilford. The church of Guilford acknowledges with gratitude the continued favor and blessing of God. He has crowned the year with His goodness. The Sabbath services, prayer-meetings and Christian Endeavor Societies have been (for the most part) well attended. The Sabbath schools have been distinguished by increasing zeal and enterprise.

Hurley. The Word has been regularly preached, prayer-meetings generally well attended, Sabbath school instruction faithfully imparted, and the cause of missions made the object of fervent prayers and monthly offerings. A Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized, and is doing a good work. A Woman's Missionary Society, auxiliary to the Woman's Executive Committee, has been in successful operation for the past six months.

Kingston, Fair Street. The Fair Street Church has nothing of a special interest to add to what is contained in the statistical report. All the services have been maintained as usual, and, while there have been no large additions to its membership, there have, as in former years, some been received at nearly every communion. We mourn the removal by death of some who were alive to good works. Thankful for past

mercies we look to the Great Head of His Church for the continuance and multiplication of His favors.

Krumville during the past ecclesiastical year has been signally blessed by the Great Head of the Church. Notwithstanding antagonistic elements of no small force, the faithful presentation of the truth as contained in our doctrinal standards has resulted in the ingathering of seventeen persons on Confession of Faith into church fellowship. The bush has been on fire but is not consumed. The Lord they serve has set the seal of His approbation upon the labors of the faithful pastor and his loyal Consistory.

Lyonsville sends only a statistical report.

Marbletown has been graciously visited, the church membership quickened, and ten have been added to the church on confession. The Sunday school is increasing in numbers and interest, and has adopted the hospital at Sio-khe, China, as its object of benevolence. The Y. P. S. of C. E. has been maintained during the year, and six of its members have confessed Christ. The Ladies' Aid Society is doing a good work both at home and abroad by its beneficence. The new parsonage is completed and occupied by the pastor, and is opposite the church.

North Marbletown. In that church there has been no special manifestation of the Holy Spirit's presence. There has been faithful seed-sewing; the Sabbath school maintained efficiently and the Society of Christian Endeavor has held its weekly prayer-meeting. Two have been received on confession, and pastor and people labor hopefully and prayerfully. The church edifice has been greatly improved, and from a lower platform and a neat reading-desk the pastor proclaims the "glorious Gospel." The desire is expressed "that believers may be more fully consecrated to Christ, and unbelievers converted to Him."

New Paltz during the year has been specially blessed. Sixty-nine have been received on confession, the result in part of evangelistic services held in various parts of the congregation. There are, besides the church prayer-meeting

and that of the Y. P. S. C. E., three prayer-meetings held during the greater part of the year. The usual Sunday school work has been steadily carried on. Peace and harmony have prevailed; the means of grace have been diligently dispensed and received with earnest attention and participation. "That God may continue to manifest himself even more powerfully in the conversion of sinners and in the deepening and quickening of the spiritual life of his people is our earnest prayer."

Rochester. "The year, by the continued blessing of God, has been a prosperous one. The Sabbath and week day services have been continued without interruption. With the usual observance of the week of prayer came marked manifestations of God's presence. Christians were quickened and sinners awakened and led to Christ. A second Christian Endeavor Society has been organized within the boundaries of our church. The future of our church is bright and full of promise. To God be all the glory."

Rosendale. "We are doing all so far as we are able to build up the Kingdom of Christ in this village. Our chapel on the Plains is being crowded forward." To this church we notice forty-seven were added on confession and twenty-one by certificate. Thus the indications are that God is with them to bless and save.

St. Remy. "This church has been blessed of God during the year. The ordinances and means of grace have been well attended. Prayer-meetings have been well sustained. Among the young the Y. P. S. C. E. is doing a good work. The Sabbath school has increased in numbers and attendance. The benevolent contributions are not what we could wish. Possibly the expense incurred in repairing the church may have had a detrimental influence to them. We pray for a spirit of self-sacrifice, and that we may remember that *He* was rich yet for our sakes became poor."

The following ministerial changes have taken place during the year:

The pastoral relations between the Rev. M. N. Oliver and Rosendale church was dissolved July 28th, 1890, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Paramus. The Rev. Joseph

Millett was received July 28th, 1890, from the Classis of Orange and on August 19th was installed as pastor of the churches of Bloomingdale and St. Remy. The Rev. J. U. Morris was received on October 14th, 1890, from the Lutheran church and installed as pastor of the Reformed Church of Rosendale November 5th. The Rev. M. F. Liebenau departed this life and entered into rest.

ADDENDUM.

The church of Gardiner was organized November 13th, 1890, and was at this meeting ordered enrolled, but no statistical table has been presented.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. SEARLE, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report as follows:

Reports have been received from all the churches with the exception of Jamaica. In this case last year's report has been inserted according to recommendation. A good degree of success has characterized the work of the past twelve months. History has repeated itself in the story of severe losses sustained in the death of faithful officers and members, in the welcoming of converts, in financial struggle and successes, cancellation and decrease of debts, and renovation of church property. There has been no very marked religious awakening. As compared with last year, fifty-nine less have united in confession, twenty more by certificate, with a net gain in membership of fifty-five, and a gain in families of 111. Contributions for congregational purposes are $2,988 more, and for religious and benevolent purposes, $433 less. The Sabbath school enrollment is increased by eleven. The reports have a cheerful tone, the sun shining through where clouds have gathered. It is gratifying to note the extension of mission work in the City of Brooklyn, and testimony is borne to the efficiency of the Christian Endeavor Society where it exists. More mission auxiliaries have been organized, and while greater results are

desired, there is great cause for gratitude, for peace and prosperity in large measure. A new church has been organized at Newtown.

We would submit the following summary from the individual reports:

Jamaica. No report.

Newtown rejoices in welcoming five of her children, in the restoration of the pastor's health, and in the preaching of the Gospel in its purity and with zeal for souls. The prayer-meeting is not very well attended, and, for the present, the evening service is held at Winfield, where there seems to be a good opening.

Oyster Bay has had more than average success. A larger accession than usual, deeper interest in specific Christian work, especially among the younger members. At least twice as many in regular attendance at the weekly prayer-meeting, owing chiefly, perhaps, to the Christian Endeavor Society. A Woman's Mission Auxilliary has been organized, and a goodly sum pledged.

North Hempstead reports peace, harmony and goodwill, with some accessions indicating the Lord's presence. Has experienced a great sorrow in the death of one of her most efficient elders. A circle of King's Daughters is proving to be helpful, and a woman's society, auxilliary to the Foreign and Domestic Mission Boards, has been organized.

Williamsburgh has had a memorable year in her history. The funded debt of twenty-one years standing has been totally extinguished; also a floating debt. Appropriate jubilee services were held in celebration thereof, and steps have been taken toward the improvement of the church edifice and chapel. Large additions to membership last year from the Sabbath school have exhausted much material and accounts for less additions this year.

Astoria. Statistical report, without comments.

Flushing. After a vacancy of a few months, the present pastor was installed last December. The state of the church

is encouraging. Ground will probably be broken at an early day for a new church building in a more favorable locality. The death of a faithful elder, serving in the Consistory for over twenty years, is a sad loss. The Sabbath school and Christian Endeavor Society are in a flourishing condition.

Greenpoint. No special religious interest has been manifested, yet there has been a net gain in membership of twenty-six. The church school is large and flourishing, and the church societies are in a healthy condition. For mission work, conducted in a religiously destitute district, a substantial building is nearly completed. Help has been given in this by some outside of the congregation, and the hope is entertained of dedicating free from debt. The mission school steadily gains in numbers and influence; also the industrial school and kitchen garden.

South, Bushwick. Is fairly prosperous. Finances in a comparatively good condition and a substantial sum paid on account of mortgage. Services well attended, Sabbath school largely increased in numbers. The work here is essentially missionary in character, and a large addition to the building is contemplated. An average number have confessed Christ. The Woman's Missionary Society has started well, and the Christian Endeavor Society does excellent work. The use of the Sabbath school building has been given to a German congregation under the care of a missionary connected with the Classis, and promises speedy organization and large success.

Second, Astoria has enjoyed a prosperous year. The loss of four active members is lamented. Peace and harmony prevail, and finances are in a healthy state. The indebtedness contracted by enlarging and beautifying the church edifice has been largely decreased.

East Williamsburgh has nothing special to report different from last year. Has been regularly and faithfully ministered to. Trials have been endured and more are overhanging, in the going abroad of their stated supply and the loss of two interested families, but are looking hopefully to God's

help. The Christian Endeavor Society and Woman's Aid Society have rendered great financial and spiritual help.

Queens has had good attendance at services, done steady work and received an encouraging number of additions. The Sabbath school flourishes and the prayer-meeting is well sustained. Increased financial strength has come and the establishment of the envelope system, for benevolence, has been attended thus far with astonishing results.

German Evangelical, Brooklyn, reports material and spiritual progress. The church societies are growing in numbers and in spirit, and give promise of training excellent laborers for the Lord's service. The Sabbath schools hold their own. The additions are somewhat less than last year and deaths and dismissals nearly equalize gain and loss. Services are well attended, and three members of the congregation are studying for the ministry.

Sayville is still without a pastor, but has been supplied from the Seminary at New Brunswick. The attendance at church services and Sabbath school has been very good.

Locust Valley. There has been growth in personal consecration, many young people abandoning pleasure to attend regularly at church and prayer-meeting. The attendance at the prayer-meeting would seem to be exceptionally large, in proportion to the size of the congregation. Self-denial and heroic courage are required to meet financial demands; nevertheless a Woman's Missionary Auxiliary has been organized.

College Point reports decided progress, services better attended; contributions for denominational objects and congregational purposes, materially increased. The whole spiritual tone of the congregation is strengthened, and the Christian Endeavor Society is especially encouraging.

First, L. I. City. The church grows steadily. Services are more largely attended, and interest is marked with an increase of spiritual life and church activity. The Sabbath school is growing and the grace of liberality abounding. A goodly sum has been raised to decrease the mortgage on

parsonage and church repairs. No special work of grace, but increased interest in the Pastor's Bible Class and the Christian Endeavor Society.

Bushwick. The struggle for prosperity here not ended, but success has been achieved. The peculiar situation of the church edifice makes the financial question the most difficult one. The present financial system promises better things. Services are well attended and the spiritual interest good. The Sabbath school work is especially gratifying. A number of scholars have been received into the communion. Various associations in the church are doing excellent work. A mutual aid society for the benefit of the sick, is proving a useful adjunct to other agencies.

German Ev., Jamaica. An increased attendance at church services and Sabbath school is a feature here. The church building has been renovated within and without, and a Young Peoples' Society has worked efficiently towards clearing the debt on the lecture-room.

Hicksville. All the societies of the church are flourishing and working hard for the completion and furnishing of the church building, the corner-stone of which was laid last December. It is expected that soon after the building shall be completed, the congregation will become independent of the Board. Grateful acknowledgment is made of assistance from the building fund and some of the churches of Classis.

The following *Ministerial changes* have occurred during the year, viz.: Rev. Oliver H. Walser was dismissed from the church of Jamaica on March 9th, 1891, to the pastorate of the church at Cohoes in the Classis of Saratoga. Rev. Dr. James Demarest was received from the Classis of Montgomery, November 10th, 1890, and installed as pastor of the church at Flushing, on December 3d, 1890. Rev. Jean S. Crousaz was dismissed to the Presbytery of Des Moines, Iowa, October 21st, 1890. Rev. Nathaniel Nicolai was received from the South Classis of Long Island, March 9th, 1891.

J. S. N. DEMAREST, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The reports of the churches are for the most part a chorus of hallelujahs. They attest rich blessings from the Head of the Church, the abiding presence of the Holy Ghost, and the grace of fidelity and thankfulness granted pastors and people. Reserving for the conclusion of our report the statistical tables, we present to you without further prelude what the Spirit says to us through the churches.

First Reformed. The Rev. James M. Farrar came to us in June, 1890. Since then the work of the church has flourished. There have been large accessions to the church, ninety-five, the Sabbath school has doubled in numbers; the general feeling in the church is most cordial and happy. The services generally are well attended and the future bright. The number of suspensions, thirteen, would seem to indicate vigorous pruning that is apparently justified both by the large additions to the church and the absence of any complaints to Classis.

Centennial Chapel. We feel that we have great cause for encouragement. A morning service was started in February, and the outlook is very bright. Y. P. S. C. E. has been recently organized with forty members. Their prayer-meeting Sunday evenings is well attended and interesting. The attendance at the Sunday evening services of the chapel has more than doubled. New families are constantly coming. The future is bright with hope. Eighteen on confession and thirteen by letter represent the growth in communicant membership of the past year.

Flatbush comes with greetings to Classis, reporting with hearty thanks to Almighty God, "our church is prosperous in all things." The pastor has been richly endowed with the Holy Spirit and his work has borne fruit in in-gathering and edification. As time goes on his devout earnestness becomes more manifest and his comprehension of God's Word broadens with the close study which is shown in his preaching. Increased attendance at the Sunday morning services and general satisfaction with the pastoral work is the attest of

the church and Christian public to this testimony (of Consistory) to the oldest member of this Classis in years of settlement and service, and at the same time one of the youngest in vigor. Twenty names were added to the communion roll during the year. In addition to the stated means of grace, special services were held during Lent. The benevolence of the church (though $467.34 less than the preceding year) "has met with cheerful spirit the expenditure of $5.397.15, all calls for the regular causes as well as for others."

The report of the *Mission Church of Flatbush* is incorporated in that of the mother church, and bears testimony to the faithful labors of the pastor in charge. The stated means of grace have been maintained throughout the year, and have been well attended. The Y. P. S. C. E. has had a blessed influence on the young people of the congregation, and is a most useful organization. Nine by confession and five by letter are the additions to the communion. The Sunday school at the mission calls for improved accommodations, while that of the church is making substantial progress in attendance and interest.

New Utrecht. There has been no season of special religious interest, but additions have been made to the membership, twenty-one in all. Our people have been united and with zeal and devotion have cared for the many interests committed to them as servants of the Lord. All services have been well attended, and in every department of church work steady and encouraging progress has been made.

Gravesend. "All the means of grace have been well sustained, accessions have more than balanced losses by deaths and removals. A third Sabbath school has been started in connection with our church and is prospering finely, we propose building a chapel and Sunday school room for its accommodation at once." Money sufficient to guarantee the enterprise is already in sight. A liberal donation of land for a new church site has also been accepted by the Consistory. The future is bright with hope.

Flatlands. Reporting another year of quiet work makes special mention of: First. The organization of a Y. P. S.C.E.

It awakened the active interest of the youth of the church. It promises much good for the future. Second. The Women's Domestic Missionary Society has enlarged its sphere to include Foreign Missions as well, to the substantial increase of annual collections for these objects. Third. The accessions to the church at the several communion sessions have resulted in a total (fifteen) larger than for several years past and attest the healthy spiritual condition of the church.

New Lots. "There has been special attention given during the past year to the development of the accessions of the preceding year. The prayer-meetings of the Y. P. S. C. E. on Tuesday evenings and of the church on Friday evenings, have been well sustained and much interest manifested." Death has removed our honored Elder, Henry L. Rapelje, and an elect lady, Sarah Wyckoff, a liberal contributor to missions. Repairs to the church building in progress and enlargement of the chapel in contemplation are material evidence to the life of the church, whose prayer is "that God may make us grateful for the past and hopeful for the future." Seven were received into the communion of the church since the last report.

East New York sends a "Banner Report." The statistics show marked increase in every element of strength. Two new families; sixty-five new members; nineteen infants baptized and an increase of $1,376.92 in contributions for benevolence (total contributions, $2,046.09), in addition to the building a parsonage and the near completion of the fund of $6,000 for the improvement of the church edifice, certainly justify the modest statement of the report, viz.: "The progress in our work during the past year has been quite gratifying." With heart-felt thanksgivings to God on their behalf, we agree with the conclusion of their report. "We have much to excite gratitude in the past and much to inspire hope in the future."

South Brooklyn "acknowledges, with sincere gratitude to the great Head of the Church, a most prosperous year. The addition of numerous members (thirty-nine); the attainment of her long desired financial independence; the reduction of the

standing debt to less than half its amount two years ago; the safe completion and joyful celebration, amid the congratulations of friends and neighbors, of the first half century of her corporate existence; the steady increase of audiences and adherents; all are cheering evidences that the mercy and loving kindness of the Lord hath continually preserved us." "The Greenwood Heights Chapel, which for some years has enlisted the interests and labors of many of our people, has at last been brought into full conformity to the doctrines and usages of our denomination, and at no distant day will form the nucleus of a Reformed Church." Thus South Brooklyn affords the pleasing sight of its own growth and its interest in church extension.

Twelfth Street Reformed Church. We thankfully acknowledge the manifest presence of the Great Head of the Church. We have been led in the unity of the Spirit and the bonds of peace to labor together as a Christian household, striving to cultivate the vineyard wherein we have been set as laborers. While no special revival services have been held, we can report a good attendance upon the weekly prayer and conference meetings, an evident spirit of renewed consecration and zeal in the Master's work, and the increasing helpfulness of our Y. P. S. C. E. We are greatly blessed in the faithful ministrations of the Sanctuary and family visitation on the part of a pastor, very highly esteemed and beloved for his work's sake.

North Reformed. "The Lord of the Harvest" has given the old North Church a spiritual blessing in the past months. Souls have been born into the Kingdom, lives have been newly consecrated, a spirit of earnest service is showing itself on every hand. The Sunday school is growing, our congregations are increasing, and, looking back, we "Thank God and take courage." Regretting their inability to make larger contributions to benevolence, in consequence of pressing demands on their finances, they expect another year to make an offering to each of the Boards. The church reports an addition of sixty-four to their communicant membership. Surely the hours of refreshing for this church have come!

Church on the Heights. In the enforced absence of the pastor on account of ill-health, due largely to unremitting labors in the interests of the church, no report, other than statistics, is at hand. Twenty-nine have been added to the church.

Bethany Chapel. This flourishing Mission of the Church on the Heights, under the pastoral care of Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., reports as follows:

"During the year there has been a deep and growing interest in the work of the chapel, evinced by the increasing attendance at the services, by additions to the roll of membership (thirty-one), by new voices in the prayer-meetings and by the patience and vigor with which the members have applied themselves to the duties assigned them." The chapel is looking forward hopefully to a change of location and the prospect of becoming a self-supporting church.

New Brooklyn. The state of the church is very satisfactory. In our newly erected building we are prospering. Peace and harmony prevail. Though in debt the pews are all rented, and the services well attended.

Second, Flatbush. No report.

Canarsie. We give thanks to God for the prosperity of the past year, and pray that He will be with us in the time to come, and send us a pastor soon.

Bedford. "The year has been characterized by the goodness of God that to 'the church under the cross' conveys special comfort and cheer." The two principal difficulties in the way of our enlargement time, under God, will remove. The first of these tendencies is the apprehension of those who fear we have not come to stay. The second difficulty is the depressing influence of a church debt upon the average man seeking a church home—but to live is to grow, and to grow is to be eased of our burden. Strong in our faith in God and our purpose by His grace to do our best, we wait patiently His time—"glad to know whose we are and whom we serve."

St. Thomas. "Owing to the resignation of Rev. A. J. Hageman and the death of his successor, the Rev. John Case Lowe, services in the church could not be regularly maintained during the year. Rev. Thos. Shields of the Moravian Church kindly held divine service for us on the first Sunday of each month." Prayer-meetings were regularly held and well attended. The Sunday school was also regularly sustained. The finances have suffered somewhat in the absence of a pastor. With the installation of Pastor Elect E. C. Oggel, D. D., it is to be hoped this church may enter upon a long career of usefulness and prosperity.

Ocean Hill. "With thankful hearts, rejoicing in the goodness and grace of God, we record a year of steady growth. One fifth of our total in communion has been added to our roll during the past year. In a word, all our people thoroughly interested in the work feel that by the grace of God, our church is building up solidly on a firm basis."

For causes that must be sought apart from any diminution in interest in the benevolent schemes of the church, there has been in every church in this Classis except Flatbush Chapel, Bethany Chapel, and the North Reformed, a decrease in contributions to the schemes of the Church.

In the total collections for congregational purposes there is a still larger proportionate decrease in a majority of the churches. Bearing in mind the wide-spread financial stringency of the past year it is nevertheless in order for each of the churches and their every individual member to ask themselves have we given as the Lord has prospered us?

In view of the large blessings the churches have enjoyed, let us resolve to make this New Year a thank offering of consecrated service to our God that shall bring all the lilies unto His storehouse.

The *Ministerial changes* of the year have been as follows: Rev. John C. Low was removed from Classis of Schenectady, and duly installed pastor of St. Thomas, in June, 1890, after only a few weeks of service, which gave great promise, he was stricken with disease, and passed away to his reward in July, 1890. The pastoral relations between Rev. N. Nicolai and

the Church of Canarsie was dissolved Jan. 29th, 1891, and Rev. N. Nicolai dismissed to the North Classis of Long Island. The pastoral relation between Rev. A. J. Hageman and the Church of St. Thomas was dissolved May, 1890. Rev. J. M. Farrar was received from the United Presbyterian Church, Presbytery of Philadelphia, and installed pastor of the First Church, Brooklyn, June 12th, 1890. Rev. E. F. Hallenbeck was received from the Classis of Albany, and installed pastor of the North Church, Brooklyn, Feb. 19th, 1891. Rev. F. Bruschweiler received from the German Evangelical Church, and installed pastor of the Second Church, Flatbush, Nov. 18th, 1890.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN C. BERG, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Consistorial reports have been received from all the churches of the Classis with the exception of Hamilton Grange and Manor Chapel. For the most part they indicate a good degree of prosperity. The numbers received on confession are larger than usual, and in the matter of benevolence, the exceptionally good record of last year has been very nearly maintained. Several of the churches have been suffering, to some extent, for the want of pastoral oversight and care, and others are laboring under difficulties growing out of their unfavorable locations. It is a gratifying fact, however, that notwithstanding the losses and discouragements that have been experienced by a few of the churches of the Classis, there has been a general improvement in nearly every department of Christian activity. A comparison of the statistical tables with those of previous years, reveals the fact that there are more families connected with the churches than ever, and more members than have ever been reported, with the single exception of the year 1889, when the sum total reached 8,676, as compared with 8,669, the number reported for the current year. The amount contributed for religious and benevolent purposes is $75,626 a, sum which has only once been exceeded, viz., last year, when the amount raised was upwards of $78,000. In view of these

facts, the Classis has abundant cause for gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, and good reason to anticipate even better blessings in the years to come.

The narratives of the several churches have been somewhat condensed, and are as follows :

The Collegiate Church reports a successful work in several of its congregations, the number of additions on confession being more than twice as many as last year. The Twenty-ninth street pulpit has been acceptably supplied during most of the winter months by the Rev. Dr. A. T. Pierson. A call has been extended to the Rev. Dr. D. J. Burrell, who has accepted the same, and expects soon to enter upon his work. The grace of liberality continues to be developed, the amount of contributions falling but little short of those of last year, which exceeded all previous experience.

The Harlem Collegiate church has nothing of special interest to report, but much for which to give thanks. The statistics indicate a net gain in membership of nearly fifty, and a considerable advance in the matter of benevolence over last year.

The South Church has changed its place of worship recently. Some families have been lost, in consequence, but these are being rapidly replaced. The church is encouraged by the increased opportunity for work in its new field.

Staten Island reports a year of peace and prosperity. More members have been added to the church than for many years. One of the Sabbath schools has made a decided advance in the matter of attendance. A Christian Endeavor Society has been organized and is doing excellent work. The population is growing and the spirit of zeal prevails among many of the members. The outlook is encouraging.

Bloomingdale sends only a statistical report, coupled with the remark that the roll of members has been revised.

Madison Avenue continues to prosper. The Sabbath services are largely attended and the mission and benevolent work of the church has been carried forward with increased

activity. The presence of the Holy Spirit has been enjoyed throughout the year, and many have been led to make confession of their faith in Christ. The Sunday school is flourishing and the Young People's Association, the Young Ladies' Guild and the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, are all doing excellent work, so also is the Mission school, the Working Girls' Club, the Industrial school and the day nursery. The latter has out grown its old quarters, and has been obliged to get a home of its own. During the year it has cared for nearly 11,000 children.

Thirty-Fourth Street. The last year has been a year of work and encouragement. The pastor has been assisted in prayer-meetings, Sabbath school, and in the work of visitation, by two young men from Union Theological Seminary. A number of the ladies are also engaged in visiting the sick and new comers. The people are united and earnest. The prayer-meetings are well attended, the Sabbath school is increasing, the young people are active, and the ladies are doing good work in their Foreign and Domestic Missionary Societies. The sanctuary is greatly in need of repairs and about $1,000 have been subscribed for this purpose.

German Evangelical Mission. The condition of affairs in this church is somewhat discouraging. A number of the members have died, and others have moved away. The contributions for benevolent and for general purposes, in consequence, are on the decline, and there has been a falling off in the attendance upon religious services. In spite of every difficulty, however, the work of the church has been vigorously prosecuted, and not without result.

Huguenots, Staten Island. Services have been regularly maintained throughout the year, and have been conducted, except on Communion Sundays, by Mr. W. T. Adams, of the Theological Seminary. The church is small and without ample means, but devoted to the welfare of Zion. It is doing mission work in a field unoccupied by any other religious body, and where such work appears to be greatly needed.

Mott Haven. "The current expenses have been met and $500 of indebtedness removed. The attendance increases slowly. A Pastor's Bible and Normal class has proved helpful. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies have labored efficiently, as well as the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor."

Union, High Bridge. The work of the church has been carried on during the year with gratifying, though not exceptional, results. A plan of systematic beneficence has been adopted which is working well, and has already increased the offerings for denominational purposes. The Sunday school continues to grow, and the interest in the various religious and benevolent organizations of the church is well sustained.

Fourth, German. Notwithstanding the fluctuations of the population, and unfavorable social surroundings, the year has been one of progress. The attendance upon the church services has been steady, and close attention has been given to the Word preached. The various societies are in good working order. The church is encouraged by the blessing of God and is looking forward, hopefully, to the future.

Prospect Hill. The remnant that remains has endeavored with diligence, liberality and frugality, to conserve the church. The land reserved on the corner of Park avenue and Eighty-ninth street has been cleared of all debt except $2,000. The building erected on it and its furniture have been paid for. The church is located in the midst of a population already large and daily growing larger; but is in need of a minister with faith and courage to enter upon the work to which more than one has been invited in vain. It is suggested that if Classis would avail itself of this opportunity, it would be able to secure such help as is needed.

Holland Church is hoping soon to have a pastor. In view of this fact, it appeals to Classis for recommendation to the Board of Domestic Missions for aid.

Avenue B German Evangelical rejoices in the blessing of God that has attended the labors of another year, and finds special cause for gratitude in the marked manifestations of the Holy Spirit. The attendance upon the Sabbath and week day services is good. The Sabbath school is large and prosperous, and the contributions for benevolence exceed those of last year.

Brighton Heights. Much good work has been done in all departments. A paper exchange has been established, which supplies religious reading to many households every Sunday. A course of lectures on popular subjects, such as chemistry, electricity, etc., has proved a great success. A church paper has been established, and has become a great means of good. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been full of activity. The various societies among the Christian women, and the stated services of worship, have been faithfully maintained. The church has not been left without witness of God's presence.

Union, Sixth Avenue sends only a statistical report, which does not appear to be particularly encouraging.

German, Norfolk Street. The work of the year has not been unsuccessful, but the church feels that it is losing ground. Many of the members have moved to other localities, and the neighborhood is degenerating to such an extent that the Classis is asked to consider the question as to whether it be not expedient to have the church edifice sold and another erected in a more congenial locality.

Kreischerville reports a better attendance at church services than last year. The Sunday school has also grown. Owing to the extreme poverty of the people, the benevolent offerings have been small, but contributions have been made to all the Boards.

German Evangelical, of Yorkville. The church is struggling very hard under a heavy debt, which it is almost impossible to carry. The field is hopeful, however, and the new pastor is already meeting with a good degree of success in his work.

Grace Church has suffered seriously in consequence of the removal of a large number of its most useful members, and the loss, by death, of others, who are greatly missed. The Sunday school has had a successful year, and the Catechisms of the Church have been faithfully taught. The following organizations have met regularly throughout the year: The Social Union, Sewing Society, Missionary Society, Coral Workers, Grace Church Guards and Industrial School; also three bands of King's Daughters. There has been much sickness in the congregation during the year, and the pastor has officiated at more than thirty funerals.

Hamilton Grange sends no report.

The following *Ministerial changes* have occurred during the year: April 15th, 1890, the Rev. W. H. Gleason, D.D., was received from the Classis of Hudson; the Rev. A. J. Sullivan was dismissed to the Classis of Newark, and the Rev. James Brownlee, D.D., was made pastor Emeritus of the Staten Island Church. June 6th G. Edwin Talmage was ordained and installed at Mott Haven. May 26th M. J. Schwartz was received on examination as a licentiate. June 23d the Rev. Henry M. Cox was received from the Classis of Montgomery, and on June 30th was installed pastor of the Union Church of High Bridge. June 23d James Jongeneel was examined and received as a licentiate, and dismissed August 25th to the Classis of Westchester. June 23d the Rev. G. A. T. Goebel was dismissed to the Classis of Westchester. July 21st the Rev. C. A. Jones was dismissed to the First Congregational Church, of Kane, Pa. October 21st the Rev. Louis Goebel was received from the Classis of Bergen, and November 5th, was installed pastor of the German Evangelical Church, of Yorkville. December 15th the pastoral relation between the Rev. Wm. Westerfield and the Hamilton Grange Church was dissolved, and the Rev. N. H. Demarest was dismissed to the Classis of Ulster. January 10th, 1891, Rev. James Palmer was received from Presbytery of Washington, Penn., and became pastor in charge of Manor Chapel. February 5th the Rev. H. V. S. Myers, D.D., was received from the

Classis of Orange and installed pastor of the Union, Sixth Avenue Church. April 6th the Rev. J. F. Morgan was received from the New York Eastern Christian Conference after the usual examination (April 27th) to be installed pastor of the Hamilton Grange Church.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. COX, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submits the following report:

The Consistorial reports, which have been received from all the churches, give evidence that the Spirit of the Lord has been present with His people during the past year. There have been received on Confession of Faith 203, and by Certificate ninety-one. Although a greater number than usual have removed to other churches, yet during a winter of severe epidemic, the Lord has called but few of his children to their home. The number of members reported is but thirty-nine greater than that of last year, which is in part accounted for by the fact that two of the churches have revised their roll, and another reports forty-six less than last year (after allowing for stated gains and losses), without mentioning any revision of their roll; altogether a loss of 133, which is partly compensated for by reports from churches not represented last year. There have been large in-gatherings at Port Jervis, Ellenville, Kerhonkson, Montgomery, Pine Bush, Walden and Walkill. There has been a gain of 115 families in the churches reporting last year. Two Sabbath schools have been added and 120 more scholars enrolled. The contributions for benevolent and religious purposes fall short of last year by $926, while a gain of $644 is reported for congregational purposes. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor is proving an efficient aid among many of our churches and bringing many youthful members into the work of the church.

The following is condensed from the church reports:

Berea. "There has been evidenced throughout the year earnest heed to the preaching of the Word, and a well sus-

tained interest in Sabbath school work. We have enjoyed the 'unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,' and the Lord has blessed our labors by causing the young to hear His voice and constraining them to consecration for His service."

Bloomingburgh. While the Lord has not signally blessed this church during the past year, yet His Spirit has blessed its work. "The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has held its second anniversary, and gives the promise of much usefulness in the future, and while our reports for congregational purposes are less than in former years, it can be accounted for by the fact that we have tried to meet our running expenses without resorting to ecclesiastical amusements, which we consider a great step in advance. Our financial prospects are better than they have been for several years."

Callicoon. "The church of Callicoon looks upon the past year with thanks and praise to the Great Head of the church. Although times have been very hard with the farmers here for the last two years, our work has been carried on, and has not been in vain this year. The numbers of the congregation have contributed toward the church liberally of what little they have had, so that the year has at last been closed without debt."

Claraville. The Church of Claraville has been supplied during a part of the year by Mr. Coombs, a licentiate of the Classis.

Cuddebackville. "The attendance at the usual services has been good. The first of January we organized a Society of Christian Endeavor of twenty-seven members which promises to be a power for good among us. The congregation has repaired and beautified the interior of the church. What we now especially desire is an outpouring of the Spirit of God. Many are awakened and give evidence that they are near the Kingdom."

Deerpark. "We present our report to Classis with grateful acknowledgment of the Divine favor which attended

our work during the past year. There has been a substantial gain in numbers, a decided advance in organization, and, we have reason to believe, a marked deepening of piety. Our various parish enterprises have been profitably maintained. The parish has been re-districted and assigned to an efficient and devoted corps of visitors, the results of whose labors are already becoming apparent. Our three Sunday schools have been faithfully sustained. The church school has been graded."

Ellenville. "God has been good to our church. * * A measure to enlarge our work for the general kingdom is on foot. Efforts to put the church in a better financial basis are now made. The Gospel has been regularly maintained. Christian Endeavor, prayer-meeting, Sunday schools, church audiences and auxiliaries are well and earnestly attended. An undercurrent of spiritual fervor obtains, though not as yet abundantly realized; we have a young man now preparing for the ministry."

Fallsburgh. "The attendance at the Sabbath services has been good, and the Word preached has gained attentive hearing. Sabbath afternoon services have been held at South Fallsburgh every two weeks; and a similar service will probably be held at Centreville station, as there seems to be a demand for it. In fact, such service has been already begun. A chapel will be built at South Fallsburgh this year. The Sabbath school has been kept up during the year, but with diminished attendance during the winter months. A new school has been organized at Centreville station, now enrolling sixty-five. Our weekly prayer-meeting shows signs of better attendance, and the benevolent contributions are somewhat in excess of those of last year."

Grahamsville. "We have received a few accessions to our number since our last report, and a good feeling appears to pervade the congregation. We believe the Lord has blessed us, and we want the prayers of our Classis that we may continue to prosper."

Kerhonkson. "All things look up at Kerhonkson, audiences growing. Every communion witnesses that the people

'gladly hear the Gospel.' Financial matters are being systematized, mission work begun. Consistory has three more members than a year ago, all new converts. It may be advisable to fix a permanent pastorate should the way open."

Mamakating. This church has been supplied by the Rev. Mr. Gliddon, a licentiate of the Classis during the past year, and the church has greatly prospered financially.

Minnisink. The pastorate has been vacant since the first of July, and the churches have had but occasional supplies. At Montague the Y. P. S. C. E. has held a service on Sunday nights when no minister was present. The Church of Hainesville organized a Society of Christian Endeavor which promises to greatly strengthen the church work, a neighboring pastor has preached there fortnightly, when no supplies came from Montague. The churches hope soon to have a pastor to break unto them the Word of Life.

Montgomery. The church has been vacant during part of the past year, but with the settlement of the new pastor they have regained the prosperity enjoyed under the last pastor.

Newburgh. "Since January we have been destitute of a pastor, but are expecting to be again shepherded by the summer."

New Hurley reports a year of gratifying success. The prayer-meetings are finely attended. Church services largely so; we report an unusually large number of dismissals, owing to the organization of a Reformed Church at Gardner, and the sending of letters to non-residents. We trust God that the past year has witnessed His favor and power among us, and pray for His abiding presence during the year to come.

New Prospect. "The Lord has opened the windows of Heaven and poured us down a blessing greater than some, at least, thought we were able to receive. Accessions at every communion. The meetings during the Week of Prayer were more largely attended, and at the request of the people the meetings were continued for three weeks. They were largely

attended, the Holy Spirit was present at every meeting. At the communion following fifteen joined our church. Our Y. P. S. C. E., of fifty members, has done grand work. Our Sunday school large and enthusiastic. A Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Society has been formed and is doing well."

Shawangunk. "The Church of Shawangunk reports that financially they are in a good condition. During the year there has been a change of the pastorate, and while no unusual spiritual interest is discernible, the ordinances have been faithfully maintained. The roll of members has been carefully revised. A scheme of offerings, covering all the benevolent boards and funds of the church is now in operation."

Unionville has been supplied by Mr. Coombs during the past year.

Walden. "The Consistory of the Church of Walden reports favorably along all lines of our work. Attendance on church services is general as to membership, and good as to numbers. The congregation is a unit in the line of its temporal or spiritual progress. The Sabbath school and Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, the Ladies' Missionary and Church Societies continue to persevere in their work. The Church Lyceum has accomplished something. On the whole we feel we are well organized and in good shape for effective church work."

Wallkill. "The Wallkill Valley Church reports a year of steady, earnest, continuous development along all lines of church work. The attendance at the services of worship has increased. New families have come into the congregation both by letter and confession. Interest has been shown in the weekly prayer-meeting. Efforts are starting to increase the interest in missions."

Walpack (*Upper*). "The upper congregation of the Walpack Church report a continuance of the blessings of last year. An encouraging feature of the work is the large attendance of young people at the morning service; their gen-

eral interest in all church work; and especially their help given at services which have been held during the past winter at school houses in a district containing over 600 square miles, with a population exceeding 3,000 souls, who are entirely destitute of Gospel privileges. During the past year thirty services have been held in this district at various places, more than five miles from any church. "The worldliness and Sabbath desecration of the boarders at summer hotels in this neighborhood is a great drawback to the spiritual interests of the church, and we would call upon all who spend the summer at such resorts to take the Gospel with them, and keep holy the day of the Lord."

Walpack (*Lower*). "The congregation of Lower Walpack has been without a settled pastor for three years. During the past summer we were supplied by a student from the Seminary at New Brunswick, who continued his services fortnightly until January, since which time we have had only occasional preaching. The church rejoices in an accession of nine members during the year, mostly from the Christian Endeavor Society. An auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Missions has been organized, and is in a flourishing condition. The Christian Endeavor have held meetings every Sabbath evening when no pastor was present. More than $700 have been raised during the year for repairs on church and parsonage."

Wawarsing. "We have had regular services in the church each Sabbath, and a weekly prayer-meeting. Rev. Mr. Beach has been stated supply for the past two years, and has been faithful in presenting the truth. Nevertheless the church is in a declining position from death and removal of prominent members, and decline of business in the place."

The following *Ministerial changes* have taken place during the year: May 5th, 1890, the pastoral relation between Rev. Samuel Millett and the church of Mamakating was dissolved and he was dismissed to become pastor of a church in South Dakota; June 13th Rev. P. K. Hageman's relation with the church of Shawangunk was dissolved, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Greene; July 7th Rev. Joseph Millett's relation with the church of Minnisink was dissolved, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Kingston; January 13th,

1891, Rev. Dr. H. V. S. Myers' relation with the church of Newburgh was dissolved, and he was dismissed to the Classis of New York; April 21st Rev. Dr. Goyn Talmage was dismissed to the Classis of Raritan. June 13th, 1890, Rev. R. H. McCready was received from the Presbytery of New York, and on July 1st he was installed pastor of the church of Montgomery; September 8th Rev. R. S. Palmer was received from the Classis of New Brunswick, and on October 10th he was installed pastor of the church of Shawangunk.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. ALLEN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

Your Committee on the State of Religion beg leave respectfully to report that they have received and tabulated reports from all the churches of Classis. A review of these reports excites us to gratitude for the goodness of God manifest amongst us in the conversion and upbuilding of souls. The increase of benevolence and the peaceful and happy prosecution of the work committed to the churches. All of the churches now have pastors installed over them. These have made extensive repairs in their church property, and one reports a notable contribution for the Foreign Mission work. The aggregate of communicants, total enrollment in the Sabbath schools and contributions, is greater this year than it was last year. The pastors gratefully acknowledge the presence and working of the Holy Spirit in their respective fields of labor, and believingly look forward to the enjoyment of great blessings. One pastor has recently completed the twentieth year of faithful and successful labor as undershepherd of his flock; another contemplates a celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of his church edifice; and a third is about to celebrate the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of his church.

We call attention to the following extracts from the reports sent by the churches:

First, Poughkeepsie reports a year of regular and uninterrupted work in all departments of church activity, the main-

tenance of peace and brotherly love, and encouraging evidence of the presence and blessing of the Lord.

Second, Poughkeepsie reports a year filled with the blessings of God. The Rev. William Bancroft Hill has been installed as pastor with great unanimity and cordiality on the part of both church and congregation; new communicants have been received at each communion season; the benevolence of the church shows a marked increase; and the church edifice has been thoroughly renovated at a cost of over $4,000.

Fishkill states that the spiritual agencies of the church have been in active operation during the entire year. The work of the year has been mainly one of instruction and confirmation of the many young people, whose conversion was reported last April.

Hopewell reports inroads of death and removals, not compensated by new arrivals; yet the missionary apportionment has been exceeded; the Sunday schools flourish, and religious services are well attended. Great stress is laid upon the cultivation of the social element of the congregation.

New Hackensack tells of a year of steady work. A goodly number have publicly confessed Christ. The Ladies' Auxiliary and the King's Daughters have been active and efficient during the year.

Hyde Park, in reviewing the past year, finds much cause for gratitude and many tokens of encouragement. The temporal concerns of the church have been faithfully sustained. The bond of union has been manifestly strengthened. The attendance upon both services of the Sabbath is at present encouraging, and the interest manifest in the weekly service, as well as in the Sunday school, is good.

Fishkill-on-Hudson speaks of its work going on much as usual. Three weekly prayer-meetings, the church meeting, the Ladies' and the Christian Endeavor, have been faithfully maintained, also a monthly Sunday school prayer-meeting.

In November last, the pastor completed his twentieth year of service over this flock.

Rhinebeck makes special mention of increased contributions to foreign missions, a lady having given $1,000 for educational work in Amoy, in response to a request by the Rev. Philip W. Pitcher. Special services in union with some other churches were held in the month of January, which benefited Christians and seemed to lead to a few conversions. "Death has again removed some of our ripest and best members."

Glenham reports increased attendance upon the services of the church and a gain in religious contributions. The Society of Christian Endeavor reports a membership of fifty, and it is very helpful to the church. Lately, a children's class of about twenty has met weekly, and this is expected to become a Junior Society of Christian Endeavor. A woman's prayer-meeting has been organized, which already aids the working of the church.

Cold Spring reports peace and prosperity. The pastor has not been absent from the pulpit a single Sunday during the year. A Young People's Society of Chistian Endeavor has been started, and from this much good is expected. There is reason soon to expect an in-gathering of precious souls into the communion of the church. Needed repairs and repainting and insuring the church property have swelled the contributions for congregational purposes to a large figure. The Pastor's Bible Class on Wednesdays has been continued, and at this a course of lectures on the Canons of Dort is now drawing to a close. Short and appropriate selections from the Fathers are read at these lectures.

Millbrook has reason to thank God for His goodness. The Sabbath schools are larger than ever before, and the prayer-meetings have been augmented. Extensive repairs have been made about the church property. It is proposed to hold appropriate services of thanksgiving at the approaching twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of the church.

The following *Ministerial changes* have occurred: The Rev. Edward J. Runk was received as a member of the Classis from the Classis of Westchester, April 15th, 1890, and was installed as pastor of the church of Cold Spring, July 2d, 1890. The Rev. William Bancroft Hill was received as a member of the Classis from the Classis of Greene, October 21st, 1890, and was installed as pastor of the Second Church of Poughkeepsie, November 10th, 1890.

The annual statistical report of the Classis of Poughkeepsie for 1891 is appended hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. RUNK, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

The churches of the Classis, exhibit a continuance of financial and spiritual prosperity, and a vigorous tone of activity in all branches of church work. All the churches have reported. There has been a marked increase in additions to the churches, both by Confession of Faith and by letter, as also a decided increase in the amounts raised for congregational support and benevolent purposes. Some of our smaller churches show a most pleasing advance, with even brighter prospects. All of our churches now have either pastors or supplies, and several fields a few years ago nearly helpless have changed to encouraging possibilities.

Bronxville. There has been an improved attendance at the church services, and a manifest interest by the young people in church work. The church is still without a pastor, though a young man is soon to be ordained over this church.

Courtlandtown. "The church has enjoyed a year of prosperity and blessing in many ways. Additions to membership have been made both at Montrose and Verplanck; attendance has been increased and contributions enlarged. Prayer-meetings have been well sustained; an active Ladies' Aid Society is at work in each congregation, and it is hoped that debts on the parsonage and on the church at Verplanck amounting to $600, will soon be raised. We are somewhat

affected by the removal through death of two active members of the Consistory. The Sunday schools at Montrose and Verplanck have both been large and interesting.

Fordham. The church year has been one of steady growth, but no marked spiritual interest. Service has been maintained in the village in a hall rented for evening services. The church is endeavoring to extend its work to Belmont, and to start there another Reformed Church.

Greenburgh. Preaching service has been steadily maintained, and six members have been added to the roll. Before the close of the year collections will have been taken for all the Boards. A Ladies' Aid Society and a Y. P. S. C. E. have been organized, and are doing excellent work. In both spiritual and temporal things the church is prospering, and the future is bright with promise.

Greenville. The regular services of the church have been maintained generally throughout the year, and the interest has been unabated, notwithstanding we have no settled pastor. We have been supplied by Rev. J. A. Harper since November last. Additions of five on confession of faith give us the hope that our church will continue to be blessed.

Hastings. We report a year of increased activity and substantial advance, though there have been less additions than for last year. The Societies of the King's Daughters and Y. P. S. C. E. continue to prosper and are efficiently aiding all church work.

Melrose reports statistics only.

Mt. Vernon. More have been received, both by confession and certificate, than last year. A similar happy advance is shown in the financial statement. During the year the church was renovated and redecorated. The Sunday school, Christian Endeavor Society, Ladies' Aid Society and Ladies' Missionary Society, maintain their usual efficiency. The Sabbath services are well attended. We believe that we have

a homogenous, united, peaceful and growing church, for which we are thankful to the Great Head of the Church.

Peekskill. Our retrospect gives us reason for thankfulness. The work begun last January in the upper part of our city has been much blessed. Meetings have been held every week, winter and summer, excepting during vacation. These meetings resulted in several conversions and additions to the church. Financially the people do their utmost, still the burdens are heavy, and are felt by people and pastor. The Sunday school is in good working order, though lacking somewhat in teachers. We are encouraged by the material prosperity of the city and its increasing population. The Y. P. S. C. E. has quietly continued its good work. Altogether our prospect is bright.

Tarrytown, First. Our Sunday congregations have been unusually large. The various organizations and committees connected with the church have been more active than in any preceding year. Our contributions for benevolence have been larger than ever before, and there has been no lack of interest on the part of the people in the ordinary affairs of the church. While the report of those added to the church is far from what we would have it, we can but hope that the year has been one of development and growth on the part of the membership, and that the result of all our efforts, not visible to-day, will be seen in the time to come.

Tarrytown, Second. Attendance has been uniform throughout the year at all our regular services. The general interest has been well maintained. It has been an effort to meet our financial obligations, but we have succeeded. Our community is over-churched and we regard our labors successful if we hold our own. This we have done. We report slight gains, financially and spiritually, and are hopeful for the future.

Unionville. Statistics only.

West Farms. The Sabbath services and weekly prayer-meetings have been well attended, and the Sunday school has

greatly prospered. All the societies of the church are active and flourishing. Our income has materially increased, and contributions have been made to all the Boards.

Yonkers. Steady spiritual progress has been made during the year. Seventeen have been added to the church on Confession of Faith, of whom eleven are from the Sunday school. The church attendance has increased and the prayer-meetings have kept up their interest. The Christian Endeavor Society has maintained its life. The interest in missions is not what it ought to be, but it does not lose ground. Benevolent giving is not lessened. The people are agitating the building of a new church. Another year may reveal that the building is in progress. The idea is growing. We are doing all we can, and must leave results with the Lord.

The following *Ministerial changes* have taken place during the year: Rev. Lewis P. Andrew received from Classis of New Brunswick, June 2d, 1890, and installed at West Farms on September 16th; Rev. G. A. T. Goebel received from Classis of New York on June 30th, 1890, and installed at Greenburgh on July 15th; Mr. James Jongeneel, a licentiate of the Classis of New York, received from that body September 23d, 1890, examined for ordination and installed at Unionville, November 25th. On April 21st, 1891, Mr. Peter McHaig MacQueen, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Albany, was examined for ordination and will be installed at Bronxville when the proper papers have been presented.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. A. NORRIS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.												Benevolent.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomination'l Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
															† R. A. P.		† R. A. P.	
Arcot	S. R. Scudder	48	11	14	17	7	1	80	7	4	118	11	10	225	78 11 3	.....	65 5 11	Arcot, Madras Presid'cy, In.
Yehamur	Abraham Muni	202	45	6	4	6	4	153	58	52	298	383	6	834	24 7 3	.....	92 10 ..	" "
Arni	E. C. Scudder, Jr.	27	4	13	12	..	..	44	3	2	82	3	5	129	46 10 ..	.....	67 1 11	Arni, " "
Vellumbi	"	19	1	4	2	..	..	25	2	1	43	9	2	77	4 8 ..	.....	15 11 9	" " "
Gnanodiam	Moses Nathaniel	84	15	9	8	..	1	115	30	17	167	90	7	372	16 8 ..	.....	29 1 7	Gnanodiam, N. Arcot "
Alliendal	"	15	...	4	2	..	..	16	3	...	33	27	2	76	3 3 6	.....	6 2 3	" "
Marutuvambi	"	7	...	2	2	..	..	16	4	...	23	...	1	39	.. 9 ..	.....	3 .. 8	" "
Chittoor	W. I. Chamberlain	41	9	7	10	..	6	46	2	6	79	12	3	137	32 7 7	.....	20 11 2	Madanapalle, Madras "
Kottapalli	Abraham William	72	6	4	..	..	..	69	12	6	75	100	6	244	5 6 ..	.....	22 13 ..	Katpadi, " "
Katpadi	"	137	1	10	8	2	5	163	6	2	185	95	8	443	28 4 ..	.....	115 13 ..	" " "
Coonoor	E. C. Scudder, Jr.	62	11	16	...	1	5	92	9	4	114	3	1	209	64 2 11	.....	96 9 2	Arni, " "
Madanapalle	Jacob Chamberlain, W. I. Chamberlain	163	5	11	10	..	1 1	133	33	24	246	303	18	682	150 12 5	.....	172 9 4	Madanapalle, " "
Palmanar	Jacob Chamberlain	13	2	..	..	..	5	26	2	3	12	7	1	45	105 12 4	.....	23 6 ..	" " "
Vellore	J. W. Scudder	75	8	4	12	..	..	111	8	1	159	15	5	285	170 14 8	.....	115	Vellore, " "
Kandiputtur	Isaac Lazer	130	6	4	2	..	1	138	8	6	157	196	6	492	13	.....	54 1 8	" " "
Sekadu	"	99	4	..	..	..	..	115	5	3	103	138	2	356	3 4 ..	.....	19 15 11	" " "
Tindivanam	John Scudder (s. c.)	15	...	7	6	..	..	25	2	...	66	4	3	95	42 2 ..	.....	37 2 ..	Tindivanam, " "
Sattambadi	"	70	1	1	1	2	3	97	11	2	166	51	7	314	43 1 9	.....	37 14 8	" " "
Orattur	Paul Bailey	65	...	3	...	4	2	87	10	...	123	78	2	288	20 8 2	.....	19 11 5	" " "
Vellaripattu	"	57	7	4	2	..	..	59	3	...	73	96	8	228	21 8 8	.....	24 10 11	" " "
Narasinganur	"	37	2	6	6	2	..	65	3	...	57	21	3	143	13 5 1	.....	16 10 ..	" " "
Varikkal	John Peter	36	8	4	4	..	..	53	5	...	103	7	3	163	16 5 5	.....	20 10 4	" " "
Kolapakam	"	43	...	1	3	..	..	75	4	...	91	16	3	182	18 14 4	.....	14 12 8	" " "
	Total	1517	146	134	111	24	35	1803	230	133	2573	1665	112	6038	934 6 4	.....	1091 9 4	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. W. W. Scudder, Professor of Theology, Palmanar; Rev. J. W. Conklin, in America.
† Contributions by the Missionaries are not included in this account.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denomination'l Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First, Claverack	John H. Wyckoff	120	15	6	13	..	8	254	7	5	....	....	6	375	$612	$494	$1,598	Claverack, Col. Co., N.Y.
Second, Claverack	John G. Gebhard (s. c.)	240	28	14	9	0	9	285	7	17	30	250	2	250	710	96	1,724	Mellenville, " "
Gallatin	Benjamin A. Bartholf	68	5	1	2	0	3	113	3	1	...	..	1	60	57	15	870	Mt. Ross, Dutchess Co., "
Germantown	Mortimer Smith	108	3	2	4	0	2	189	10	0	....	140	1	157	70	25	1,500	Germantown, Col. Co., "
Greenport	Edward G. Ackerman	80	10	1	6	0	5	215	2	7	..	80	3	225	91	8	1,434	Greendale, " "
Hudson	Ferd. S. Schenck	272	84	10	12	..	5	465	12	34	..	180	1	250	1,332	88	4,817	Hudson, " "
Linlithgow	Jonah W. Vaughan	65	6	15	4	0	1	168	10	3	50	0	3	210	174	200	1,812	Livingston, " "
Livingston at Linlithgo	William W. Whitney	70	5	0	1	0	1	95	8	3	26	30	2	120	81	16	1,149	Linlithgo, " "
Upper Red Hook	George D. Lydecker	78	1	2	1	0	5	105	7	0	....	..	1	167	379	72	1,347	Upper Red Hook, D. Co., "
West Copake	James C. Garretson	64	3	0	2	0	2	129	3	0	..	75	1	90	88	19	871	West Copake, Col. Co., "
	Total	1165	160	51	54	0	41	2017	69	70	106	745	21	1914	$3,594	$1,033	$17,122	

* Revised List.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denomination'l Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Bloomingdale	Joseph Millett	125	33	...	4	..	2	172	2	15	...	60	1	238	$65	$26 81	$850 29	Whiteport, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Clove	Herman Hageman	160	28	2	5	..	6	285	32	8	260	200	3	430	522 53	139 75	1,861 85	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	Vacant	†45	...	...	...	...	...	118	...	...	20	...	...	...	50	.....	130	Rifton Glen, " "
Gardiner §																		Gardiner, " "
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher	80	6	2	11	..	1	96	3	4	138	67	3	245	30	.....	1,200	Gardiner, " "
Hurley	Samuel T. Searle	70	7	2	2	..	5	192	4	1	65	....	1	135	281 34	20	1,108 77	Hurley, " "
Kingston, Fair Street	Stephen D. Noyes	160	15	4	2	..	5	368	2	2	...	...	1	326	†350	.....	†3,800	Kingston, " "
Krumville	Paul T. Deyo	30	17	1	1	8	...	*81	17	2	60	20	1	75	.....	2	225	Samsonville, " "
Lyonsville	Supplied	80	8	...	...	..	1	142	7	2	....	....	1	70	.....	.....	†166	Kripple Bush, " "
Marbletown	Wm. W. Schomp (s.c.)	99	10	3	2	..	4	183	2	5	....	55	1	65	190	53 30	1,184 98	Stone Ridge, " "
" North	Wm. W. Schomp (S. S.)	58	2	4	3	..	2	95	5	1	....	....	1	62	37 26	.....	411 45	Stone Ridge, " "
New Paltz	A. H. Huizinga, Ph. D.	300	69	7	8	1	7	506	12	31	....	200	8	590	589 82	302 21	2,173	New Paltz, " "
Rochester	John B. Church	126	19	2	3	..	2	226	8	7	132	27	4	348	91 25	43 54	1,248 65	Accord, " "
Rosendale	J. N. Morris	120	47	21	3	..	1	*225	17	33	175	....	1	140	27	2 50	1,600	Rosendale, " "
St. Remy	Joseph Millett	55	6	2	...	..	1	123	1	2	....	50	1	121	15 58	5 71	585	Whiteport, " "
	Total	1508	267	50	45	9	37	2812	119	113	850	679	27	2845	$2,249 78	$595 82	$16,544 99	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Jas. R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, N. Y.

*Revised. †Last year's report. §Lately organized.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denomination'l Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jamaica	Vacant‡	190	12	4	4	..	6	357	8	2	....	124	2	314	$1,156 61	.....	$3,600	Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.
Newtown	Chas. Shepard	96	5	..	..	..	2	153	7	1	....	..	2	255	552 59	.. ..	2,131 59	Newtown, " "
Oyster Bay	John H. Smock	80	10	1	2	..	6	137	1	5	....	..	1	103	260	$25 88	1,210 47	Glen Head, " "
North Hempstead	Abm. I. Martine	73	6	1	..	..	1	139	1	..	30	44	†1	56	159 57	225 95	1,953 47	Manhasset, " "
Williamsburgh	Edward P. Terhune	190	18	2	12	..	3	281	5	6	....	....	1	325	.....	571 09	16,503 72	210 Penn St., Brooklyn, "
Astoria	Wm. S. Cranmer	100	10	10	7	..	2	201	6	1	....	....	1	292	470	121	3,150	Astoria, L. I., "
Flushing	James Demarest	95	1	1	3	..	2	190	6	..	....	110	1	145	524 94	52 84	3,236 57	Flushing, " "
Greenpoint	Lewis Francis	205	22	14	10	..	..	448	19	8	....	....	2	954	1,739 47	.. ..	16,255 74	143 Noble St., Brooklyn, "
South Bushwick	Geo. D. Hulst	200	19	18	19	..	2	407	32	3	....	....	1	1116	132	56 05	8,101 81	15 Himrod St., " "
Second, Astoria	C. D. F. Steinführer	100	5	...	6	..	4	232	90	..	....	25	1	250	83 73	.....	2,600	Astoria, L. I., "
East Williamsburgh	Vacant	22	4	..	..	..	1	43	..	..	....	....	1	144	20	.....	770	East Williamsburgh, " "
Queens	Jas. S. N. Demarest	75	6	13	17	..	1	187	15	1	....	124	2	410	358 52	111	3,081	Queens, " "
German Ev., Brooklyn	John C. Guenther	310	33	4	9	..	10	*515	160	2	..	130	2	900	300	1,766	3,598 74	178 Lorimer St., B'klyn, "
Sayville	Vacant	28	..	2	..	..	2	60	1	..	....	....	1	85	33 48	30	600	Sayville, L. I., "
Locust Valley	John H. Smock	40	1	..	1	..	1	50	..	..	....	....	1	97	86 02	.....	792 77	Glen Head, " "
College Point	John Baumeister	101	10	3	1	..	..	127	16	..	....	107	1	157	441 42	75 59	1,753 37	College Point, " "
1st Ref. L. I. City	Alexander Shaw	55	6	1	..	..	3	70	13	..	....	125	1	140	61 70	.....	1,309 86	Long Island City, " "
Bushwick	Wm. H. Ford	325	20	..	7	..	1	230	28	3	....	....	1	500	.....	.....	3,000	295 Graham Av., B'klyn, "
German Ev., Jamaica	Franz Hartig	54	11	..	..	..	6	150	32	1	....	11	1	100	44	.....	1,555 50	Jamaica, L. I., "
Hicksville	E. Gutweiler	80	2	10	1	..	..	45	5	1	....	....	1	115	.....	.....	1,450	Hicksville, " "
German 2d, Newtown §	.....	18	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	....	7	1	60				
	Total	2437	201	84	99	..	53	3990	445	34	30	807	26	6518	$6,424 05	$3,035 40	$76,654 61	

Other Ministers.—E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. H. Ten Eyck (s.c.), 159 West 92d St., New York City; Alex. S. Van Dyck, Amoy, China; John M. Wagner, 315 Graham Av., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Oliver E. Cobb, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Robt. H. Barr, Newburgh, N. Y.; M. V. Schoonmaker, West Chester, Penn.; Nathaniel Nicolai, 905 Bushwick Av., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Candidates.—Herman H. Shook, Brooklyn, N. Y.

* Revised list. †Two Union schools. ‡Last year's report. § Newly organized.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.												Benevolent.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First Reformed	James M. Farrar	125	35	60	5	13	3	308	18	6	....	....	2	885	$661 35	$2,026 49	$2,805 85	802 President St., Brooklyn.
Centennial Chapel	A. P. Stockwell	61	13	5	1	..	..	....	7	6	....	....	1	427	.....	.....	.....	145 Berkeley St., "
Flatbush	C. L. Wells	130	8	12	8	..	5	*387	16	3	202	200	1	300	2,932 89	2,464 26	.....	Flatbush, Kings Co., N. Y.
" Mission Chapel	Wm. H. Boocock	79	9	5	1	..	2	....	10	....	....	....	1	181	210	.....	.....	" "
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	100	3	18	9	..	3	287	5	....	..	50	2	341	1,093 56	73	2,619 35	Van Pelt Manor, N. Y.
Gravesend	P. V. Van Buskirk	120	6	2	3	..	4	228	8	....	....	130	3	342	1,134 35	.....	3,022 17	Gravesend, L. I.
Flatlands	John S. Gardner	79	9	6	4	..	4	177	14	....	25	40	2	259	652 57	91 02	3,455	Flatlands.
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	70	4	3	8	..	3	176	7	1	....	50	1	223	752 56	250	2,153	Station E, Brooklyn.
East New York	Jesse W. Brooks	112	49	16	26	..	6	200	19	10	....	200	1	425	223 09	1,900	6,037 41	" "
South Brooklyn	A. DeW. Mason	145	13	26	11	..	3	214	14	4	60	150	1	325	377	.....	3,180	165 52nd St., "
12th St., "	John E. Lloyd	320	47	33	21	..	6	630	25	13	360	546	1	1202	310 19	.....	7,211 02	Flatbush, L. I.
North Reformed	E. F. Hallenbeck	83	27	37	8	..	4	182	6	2	....	....	1	195	.....	104 18	2,362 42	193 Carlton Ave., Brooklyn.
Church on the Heights	Wesley R. Davis	175	5	24	6	..	4	†249	1	1	....	....	1	100	2,474	4,964	27,000	178 Columbia Heights, "
Bethany Chapel	Edgar Tilton, Jr	85	28	3	3	..	3	140	8	6	....	30	1	450	135	468 96	1,031 28	536 Pacific Street, "
New Brooklyn	Jacob Weber	142	14	....	1	..	5	400	80	..	300	25	1	300	.....	200	4,473 75	1062 Herkimer Street, "
Second, Flatbush	F. Bruschweiler	30	....	....	2	..	8	68	4	....	4	9	..	42	.....	15	.....	Flatbush, L. I.
Canarsie	Vacant	....	....	....	....	..	2	69	3	....	20	20	..	70	.....	30	300	Canarsie, L. I.
Bedford	Herman C. Berg	100	5	5	18	..	....	284	6	1	....	....	1	175	180	70	3,504 11	Station B, Brooklyn.
St. Thomas, W. I.	E. C. Oggel, P. E.	40	....	....	2	..	7	137	3	....	....	65	1	93	97 50	.....	1,206 98	St. Thomas, W. I.
Ocean Hill	A. Messler Quick	65	12	21	2	..	2	156	2	2	....	250	1	250	.....	.....	2,375 85	56 Seventh Ave., Brooklyn.
	Total	2061	287	276	139	13	74	4292	246	55	1041	1765	23	6615	10,846 87	11,656 91	72,418 18	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. M. Van Buren, D.D., Nyack, Rockland Co., N. Y.; Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D.D., Roosevelt Hospital, 59th St. and 9th Ave.; Rev. Daniel Rapalje, Boundbrook, N. J.; Rev. John Mason Ferris, D.D., Editor *Christian Intelligencer*, 4 Warren St.; Rev. David S. Sutphen, Bloomfield, N.J.; Rev. R. G. Strong, Principal of Erasmus Hall Academy, Flatbush, L. I.; Rev. D. N. Vanderveer, 48 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn; Rev. Walter T. Griffin; Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, Stated Clerk Particular Synod of New York, 26 Reade St., New York City; Rev. A. J. Hageman, Somerville, N. J.; Rev. Uriah D. Gulick, 108 West 123d St., New York City; Rev. Edwin F. See, Gen. Secy. Y. M. C. A., 502 Fulton St., Brooklyn; Rev. Jeremiah L. Zabriskie, Waverly Ave., Flatbush; Rev. Wm. D. Perry, 193 Carlton Ave. Brooklyn. *88 Communicants at the Mission included. †Revised list.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denomination'l Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson, (s.c.)	200	20	5	15	..	5	525	4	4	...	....	1	360	$1,799 23	$1,621 22	$3,439 47	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second, Poughkeepsie	William B. Hill	138	10	21	5	..	2	296	1	6	....	....	1	104	1,247	833	7,620	" "
Fishkill	Benj. E. Dickhaut	86	8	10	...	..	3	192	12	7	....	95	2	148	312 12	.....	1,676 75	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	C. H. Polhemus	95	2	4	3	..	8	*248	...	1	....	....	5	223	322 67	8 58	896 49	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	William A. Dumont	88	9	3	2	..	6	154	4	3	....	....	4	209	296 67	6 28	1,103 45	New Hackensack, "
Hyde Park	John F. Shaw	60	1	5	5	..	1	113	1	1	..	...	1	70	80 80	.....	1,340 31	Hyde Park, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	Charles W. Fritts	125	6	4	8	..	4	288	3	5	....	....	1	212	701 03	58 54	3,537 83	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Rhinebeck	J. Romeyn Berry	125	8	..	9	..	4	190	...	1	....	50	1	125	1,601	21	1,381	Rhinebeck, "
Glenham	Peter S. Beekman	35	5	4	7	..	...	89	...	5	....	20	1	92	74 48	12 05	648 89	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Edw. J. Runk	30	...	...	...	..	1	44	...	...	7	21	1	44	89 01	.....	1,081 55	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	J. Edward Lyall	83	8	1	3	..	2	123	6	4	69	....	4	228	286 61	24 50	2,011 48	Millbrook, "
	Total	1065	77	57	57	..	36	2262	31	37	76	186	22	1815	$6,800 62	$2,585 17	$24,667 22	

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N.Y.; Rev. A. Mattice, Pine Plains, N. Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, 26 Reade St., New York City; Rev. H. Dater, Hawthorne, N. J.; Rev. F. F. Wilson, Asbury Park, N. J.; Rev. Philip W. Pitcher, Amoy, China.

*Revised list.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denomination'l Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Bronxville	Peter M. MacQueen	30	5	...	4	...	...	70	...	1	...	....	1	50	$32	$54	$2,165	Bronxville, Westchester Co.,
Cortlandtown	Francis M. Bogardus	110	9	2	...	...	1	*97	9	1	...	....	2	180	19	.....	1,508	Montrose, " N. Y.
Fordham	Wm. F. Anderson	95	8	10	2	..	1	147	2	3	...	....	1	275	1,291	137	4,487	Fordham, New York City.
Greenburgh	G. A. T. Gobel	40	3	3	...	..	...	30	2	1	....	...	1	59	13	.....	813	Elmsford, Westchester Co.,
Greenville	J. A. Harper, S. S.	42	7	...	2		...	59	5	4	....	...	1	38	12	.....	634	Mount Vernon, " N. Y.
Hastings	James A. Norris	75	2	5	4	..	2	102	3	1	....	....	1	112	35	27	1,250	Hastings, " "
Melrose	John E. Lang	63	3	2	...	..	7	117	11	1	...	23	1	515	.....	15	3,169	Elton Ave. & 156th St., N.Y.C.
Mount Vernon	C. K. Clearwater (s.c.)	130	9	10	5	..	3	290	10	1	60	....	1	235	550	260	5,325	Mt. Vernon, Westchester Co.,
Peekskill	Henry DeVries	88	12	1	2	..	1	125	4	4	25	...	1	135	277	.....	1,300	Peekskill, " N. Y.
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	110	1	7	7	..	4	263	3	...	...	...	1	215	664	345	4,526	Tarrytown, " "
" Second	E. E. Thomas	95	10	7	7	..	5	188	1	2	23	75	1	137	281	45	2,353	" " "
Unionville	Jas. Jongeneel	*41	...	6	...	...	...	*70	1	...	20	...	1	*58	37	.....	1,124	Neperan, " "
West Farms	L. Curry Andrew	30	3	1	...	...	1	36	3	2	....	90	2	153	142	35	1,012	1295 Woodruff St., N.Y. City.
Yonkers	David Cole	155	17	16	12	..	5	†413	27	3	115	....	2	510	801	349	5,696	Yonkers, Westchester Co., N. Y.
	Total	1104	99	70	45	..	30	2075	81	24	243	188	17	2652	$4,154	$1,267	$35,362	

Other Ministers.—John A. Todd, Tarrytown, N. Y.; William Brush, Morristown, N. J.; L. H. Van Dyck, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Wm. W. Rand, Sec. American Tract Society, 150 Nassau St., N. Y.; Howard Harris, Foreign Missionary, Japan; William S. Moore, Neperan, N. Y.; William E. Turner, Elmsford, N. Y.; George Rockwell, Tarrytown, N. Y.

Candidates.—Henry J. Bogardus, M. D., Jersey City, N. J. * Revised. † 12 set aside by revision.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1891.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Number of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.
				Rec'd												Benevolent.			
				On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomination'l Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Alcot	23	14	1517	146	134	111	24	35	1803	230	133	2573	1665	112	6058	$462	.....	$545	Rev. John Scudder.
Hudson	10	10	1165	160	51	54	...	41	2017	69	70	106	745	21	1914	3,594	$1,033	17,122	" John G. Gebhard
Kingston	15	11	1508	267	50	45	9	37	2812	119	113	850	679	27	2845	2,249	595	16,544	" Wm. W. Schomp
North Long Island	21	25	2437	201	84	99	...	53	3990	445	34	30	807	26	6218	6,424	3,035	76,654	" W. H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island	17	33	2061	287	276	130	13	74	4292	246	55	1041	1765	23	6615	10,846	11,656	72,418	" Robt. G. Strong.
New York	22	46	3562	648	259	219	2	128	8669	536	90	887	4085	34	10421	44,473	31,530	98,288	" Wm. Vaughan.
Orange	23	18	1984	203	91	130	1	76	3469	106	92	281	837	35	3366	3,561	762	28,743	" W.H.S Demarest
Poughkeepsie	11	17	1065	77	57	57	...	36	2262	31	37	76	186	22	1815	6,800	2,585	24,667	" A. P. Van Gieson
Westchester	14	21	1104	99	70	45	...	30	2075	81	24	243	188	17	2652	4,154	1,267	35,362	" C. K. Clearwater.
Total	156	195	16403	2088	1072	899	49	510	31389	1863	648	6087	10907	317	42223	$82,563	$52,463	$370,343	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by Sub-committees on the Minutes of each Classis as follows, and the reports were severally accepted and adopted :

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Hudson report that they find them carefully and correctly kept.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. SHAW,
JOHN GRAHAM.

Classis of Kingston.—The Committee on the Minute Book of the Classis of Kingston report that they have examined the records and found them correctly kept and in order. The answers to the constitutional inquiries showed that five churches answered no to the second ; five no to the third ; eight no to the seventh. In the last particular two churches contributed to one the Boards but one, and two churches to four of the Boards. Two churches of the fourteen were without representation in Classis. No other items demanding the attention of this body were discovered. The Minutes are neatly kept.

CHAS. K. CLEARWATER.
EDMUND BODINE.

North Classis of Long Island.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the North Classis of Long Island respectfully report that they have examined the records of the Classis for the past year and find them kept in an orderly manner. The Church of Jamaica was not represented. Of the eighteen churches responding to the constitutional questions, eight reported that they contributed to all the benevolent Boards and to all the funds of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. GEBHARD, *Chairman.*

South Classis of Long Island.—The Committee to examine the Minutes of the South Classis of Long Island respectfully report: We have examined the book of minutes and find it correct.

F. S. SCHENCK.
J. C. BENHAM.

Classis of New York.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of New York would respectfully report that they are neatly kept and correctly recorded. Eleven churches answer yes to all the questions, viz.: New York Collegiate, Staten Island, Madison Avenue, Thirty-fourth street, Huguenots, St. Paul's, Mott Haven; Union, High Bridge;‖ 4th German, Avenue B German Evangelical, German, Norfolk street, Grace. Harlem Collegiate answers yes to all but 2d and 6th; Bloomingdale, to all but 2d and 7th; German Evangelical Mission, to all but 4th; Brighton Heights to all but 2d; Union, Sixth Avenue, yes to all but 7th; Prospect Hill, to all but 4th, 6th and 7th. The following churches were not represented: South Church, Holland-Kreischerville, Hamilton Grange. The representative of the German Church, of Yorkville, was excused before the questions were asked.

J. B. CHURCH.
ROBT. B. DUNN.

Classis of Orange.—Your Committee appointed for the examination of the Minutes of the Classis of Orange respectfully report that we find that the Minutes of the Classis of Orange cannot be found in the Particular Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

P. T. DEYO, *Chairman.*

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—The Committee on the Minutes of Poughkeepsie Classis, have examined the same and found them correct.

MADISON C. PETERS, *Chairman.*

Classis of Westchester.—Your Committee has examined carefully the Minutes of the Classis of Westchester and found them in order. Respectfully submitted,

E. G. ACKERMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That we recommend to the Consistories of the churches represented in this Synod, that they open their respective churches once on every Sabbath free.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business respectfully beg leave to report as follows:

There have been referred to your committee certain documents and pamphlets relating to "Moral Instruction in

Public Schools." These papers have been examined and we recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Synod reiterate the sentiments expressed in the resolutions adopted in the meeting of Synod last year and printed in the printed copy of the Minutes of Synod for May, 1890, p. 62.

Resolved, That we endorse the Declaration of Principles on page 4 of the pamphlet "Moral Instruction in Public Schools."

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

1. For the preservation of the constitutional right thus exercised by New York State, it is proper and wise that the extent to which religious exercises be maintained in any school under the care of the State be left to the general voice of the constituency of such school, with strict care that no right of conscience be violated.

2. For the interest and preservation of the State, expediency demands that practical morals be taught, as an essential part of the curriculum, in every public school.

3. To this end our people must see to it that the right persons be appointed as school officers and as school teachers in every district of each city and county in the State. They should in no case be selected because of political party affiliations, but in all cases solely because of their fitness for the positions which they are to fill; and this should be especially insisted upon in the case of School Commissioners and Trustees, and of City Superintendents and Boards of Education.

4. Suitable text-books in morals should be provided for the use of teachers or pupils, or both, as circumstances may require, and in every school in the State the Ten Commandments should be taught.

Resolved, That the committee appointed last year in regard to this matter — the Rev. Lewis Francis and Elder Theoph. A. Brouwer—be continued for the same purpose.

A. H. HUIZINGA, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to by Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon, after the organization, was passed in devotional exercises, led by the President.

The first half hour of the Wednesday morning session was also spent in devotional exercises, led by the Rev. John E. Lloyd.

The communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the evening of the first day immediately after the Synodical sermon. The form was read by the President of Synod. The bread was administered by the Rev. H. M. Cox, and the cup by the Rev. Ferd. S. Schenck; the distribution of the elements was made by the Elders Silas B. Dutcher, J. C. Benham, Edmund Bodine, Fred. H. Jackson.

The bar of the house was defined.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of arrangements be appointed to select those who are to conduct the religious exercises, to fix the hours of meeting and adjournment, the time for the reading of the papers, and the hearing of the representatives of the Boards. The President appointed the pastor of the church, the Rev. John K. Allen, and the Revs. A. J. Hageman and Edward G. Ackerman, and the Elders J. C. Benham and Robert Dunn. The committee reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

Hours of meeting and adjournment: Adjournment of afternoon session at 5:30 P.M.; evening session to begin at 7:45 P.M.; Wednesday morning session to begin at 9 o'clock, devotional services at 9:30; the missionary convention at 10; adjournment at 1; afternoon session, if any, to begin at 2. The Synodical sermon, and the Communion services, as recorded. The Rev. Dr. Chambers to present the claims of the Foreign Missions Board, and the Rev. A. H. Huizinga to read his paper at the Tuesday afternoon devotional exercises.

In pursuance of the Resolution of Synod at the session of 1891, the committee appointed to arrange a programme for a missionary convention reported that the Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, D. D., accredited to represent the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. A. P. Van Gieson were to speak on the subject of "Foreign Missions," and the Rev. Madison C. Peters on the subject of "Domestic Missions" in the place of Dr. Stryker. The time for the convention was set for the Wednesday morning session, at which the Revs. A. P. Van Gieson and Madison C. Peters were heard, the Rev. T. W. Chambers being heard on Tuesday afternoon, during the devotional hour. Several members took part in the subsequent discussion, resulting in the resolution under Article XIII, "Customs and Usages."

The Rev. A. H. Huizinga read a paper on "Practical Exegesis of Isaiah, XL: 31."

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be extended to Revs. T. W. Chambers, A. P. Van Gieson and W. C. Peters

for their addresses, and also to the Rev. A. H. Huizinga for the paper read.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations be given power to nominate and appoint two persons to prepare papers on subjects assigned by the committee, to be presented at the next regular Session of Synod.

The Committee reported that they appointed the Rev. H. M. Cox to prepare a paper on an Exegesis of John 20 : 17 : "Touch me not, for I am not yet ascended to my Father;" the Rev. J. G. Gebhard, secundus, and the Rev. J. K. Allen to prepare a paper on "The most scriptural and efficient methods of Church support;" the Rev. Madison C. Peters to be his secundus.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies (450) of the Minutes of this session of Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Synod be tendered to the pastor, the Consistory, and the members of the First Reformed Church of Tarrytown, for their generous and delightful hospitality extended to the members of Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer presented the following account, which was referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Account, and their report, which was accepted and adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on the Treasurer's Account report that they have examined the Treasurer's Account with the vouchers, and find them correct, and that there is a balance due the Synod of $75.07.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. SHAW,
G. EDWIN TALMAGE,
EDMUND BODINE,
J. C. BENHAM.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with
THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Treasurer*.

1890.		Dr.	
May 12.	To Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for one copy Minutes of General Synod of 1889	$	65
" 12.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for postage and stationery	3	97
" 12.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for traveling expenses of Rev. S. D. Noyes, appointed to read "paper"	3	59
" 12.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for doorkeeper.	10	
" 21.	" " " " " salary as Stated Clerk for year ending May 1st, 1891	100	
Nov. 11.	" Cash paid Hosford & Sons for printing 450 copies Minutes of 1890	146	50
1891.			
May 5.	" Cash Balance due Synod to new account	75	07
		$339	71

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May 8.	By Cash. Balance from old account	$16	71
June 12.	" Cash from Rev. J. R. Duryee, Treasurer Classis of New York	65	
13.	" Cash from Herman H. Shook, Esq., Treasurer North Classis of Long Island	48	
16.	" Cash from Rev. J. L. Stillwell, Treasurer Classis of Orange, on account	80	
Sept. 23.	" Cash from R. M. Shepard, Esq., Treasurer Classis of Hudson	24	
Oct. 17.	" Cash from Rev. W. W. Schomp, Treasurer Classis of Kingston	34	
Nov. 5.	" Cash from Rev. J. L. Stillwell, Treasurer Classis of Orange, balance	19	
1891.			
Feb. 18.	" Cash from Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D. D., Treasurer Classis of Poughkeepsie	27	
Mar. 23.	" Cash from Rev. R. G. Strong, Treasurer South Classis of Long Island	45	
April 22.	" Cash from Nathan S. King, M. D., Treasurer Classis of Westchester	31	
		$339	71

E. E. NEW YORK, May 5th, 1891.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER,
Treasurer.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Arcot.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John H. Wyckoff.	Elder Peter E. Sagendorph.
" Wm. W. Whitney.	" John C. Benham, M.D.
" Jonah W. Vaughan.	" O. J. Reeve.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Ferd. S. Schenck, D.D.	Elder P. P. Clum.
" Edw. G. Ackerman.	" Richard Becker.
" Jas. C. Garretson.	" Levi E. Raught.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. W. Schomp.	Elder James Sahler.
" A. H. Huizinga, Ph. D.	" Josiah P. Le Fevre.
" Herman Hageman.	" W. O. Church.

SECUNDI.

Rev. S. T. Searle.	Elder Calvin Burhans.
" Calvin E. Lasher.	" Louis Hasbrouck.
" Paul T. Deyo.	" Gilbert C. Palen.

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. H. Ten Eyck, D.D.	Elder Herman H. Shook.
" John M. Wagner.	" A. H. Downer.
" Chas. I. Shepard.	" Geo. M. Williamson.
" C. D. F. Steinführer.	" Henry Mencken.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Ernest Gutweiler.	Elder Cornelius Bergen.
" Oliver E. Cobb.	" David Master.
" Geo. D. Hulst.	" John Licht.
" Lewis Francis.	" Geo. M. Ball.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.	Elder Thos. M. Hageman.
" John S. Gardner.	" Theodore Sturges.
" Jesse W. Brooks, Ph. D.	" Williamson Rapalje.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. H. Boocock.	Elder Ferd. S. Schenck.
" Robert G. Strong.	" John L. Ryder.
" Nicholas Pearse.	" Earl A. Gillespie.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, D.D.	Elder John C. Giffing.
" Ed. B. Coe, D.D.	" John S. Bussing.
" Freder. C. Erhardt.	" Henry Cammerden, Jr.
" Alfred H. Demarest.	" Hon. H. W. Bookstaver.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Abbott E. Kittredge, D.D.	Elder Henry C. Robinson.
" Roderick Terry, D.D.	" Robert Buck.
" George H. Smyth, D.D.	" Hon. H. P. Allen.
" William Vaughan.	" Ralph N. Perlee.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John M. Allen.	Elder Wm. Cortwright.
" Chas. W. Burrowes.	" J. McCartney.
" John T. Demarest, D.D.	" John G. Gray.
" Geo. W. Scarlet.	" Moses Le Fevre.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Edwin O. Moffett.	Elder Wm. H. Woodruff.
" Robert H. McCready.	" Jesse F. Mould.
" Robert V. Palmer.	" M. S. M. Corkey.
" Gilbert Lane.	" Chas. H. Morris.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. William A. Dumont.	Elder John W. Champlin.
" Benjamin E. Dickhaut.	" T. A. Van Wagner.
" Edward J. Runk.	" Marvin O. Dutton.

SECUNDI.

Rev. P. S. Beekman.	Elder J. L. Tremper.
" Chas. W. Fritts, D.D.	" Sidney Scofield.
" Abram Mattice.	" M. E. Curtis.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. James A. Norris.	Elder N. S. King, M.D.
" L. Curry Andrew.	" J. H. Lent.
" Eugene E. Thomas.	" Wm. J. Charlton.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Jas. Jongeneel.	Elder J. J. Linson, M.D.
" Wm. S. Moore.	" Alex. Masterton.
" Jos. A. Harper.	" Josiah A. Briggs.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in Annual Session in the South Bushwick Reformed Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., on the first Tuesday in May, 1892, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned after prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

Signed,

JAMES DEMAREST, *President.*
JOHN K. ALLEN, *Vice-President.*

JOHN B. CHURCH, } *Temporary*
JOHN G. GEBHARD, } *Clerks.*

Attest,

DANIEL VAN PELT,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF THIS SYNOD SINCE THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTICULAR SYNODS, 1870–1891.

DATE.	PRESIDENT.	PLACE.
1870—	Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D.	Yonkers.
1871—	Rev. Goyn Talmage	Flushing.
1872—	Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D.	Rhinebeck.
1873—	Rev. John A. Todd, D. D.	Tarrytown (1st).
1874—	Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D.	Poughkeepsie (2d).
1875—	Rev. John McC. Holmes, D.D.	Brooklyn (1st).
1876—	Rev. David Inglis, D. D.	Port Jervis.
1877—	Rev. Joachim Elmendorf	Yonkers.
1878—	Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D.D.	Newburgh.
1879—	Rev. Charles I. Shepard	Greenpoint.
1880—	Rev. William Ormiston, D.D.	Mount Vernon.
1881—	Rev. David Cole, D. D.	Montgomery.
1882—	Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck	Jamaica, L. I.
1883—	Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D.	Brighton Heights, S. I.
1884—	Rev. David N. Vanderveer	New York (South).
1885—	Rev. Herman C. Berg	Yonkers.
1886—	Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.	Newburgh.
1887—	Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D.D., M.D.	Claverack.
1888—	Rev. William H. Gleason. D.D.	Kingston.
1889—	Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D.	Poughkeepsie (1st).
1890—	Rev. Lewis Francis	N. Y. City (48 St. Col.).
1891—	Rev. James Demarest, D.D.	Tarrytown (1st).

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THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE SOUTH BUSHWICK REFORMED CHURCH OF BROOKLYN, N. Y., ON THE 3D OF MAY, 1892, AT 3 O'CLOCK, P.M., AND ADJOURNED AT 12:30 O'CLOCK, P.M., OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE SESSION.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by the retiring President, the Rev. James Demarest, D.D., who also preached the sermon before Synod, on the evening of the first day of the Session, from Job 26:14, "Lo, these are parts of his ways; but how little a portion is heard of him?"

Director.

Classis of Kingston.—Ministers—Herman Hageman, Abel H. Huizinga, Ph.D., William W. Schomp, Joseph Millett. *Elders*—C. L. Hardenberg, Uriah Auchmoody.

North Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—Alexander Shaw, William S. Cranmer, Franz Hartig, William H. Ten Eyck, D.D. *Elder*—H. Oberglock.

South Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—J. L. Zabriskie, William H. Boocock, E. F. Hallenbeck. *Elders*—John Lefferts, W. C. Spellman, L. R. Ladd, T. Schenck Remsen.

Classis of New York.—Ministers—Ashbel G. Vermilye, D.D., G. Edwin Talmage, Martin Ossewaarde, W. W. Clark. *Elders*—G. A. Henshaw, John Graham, J. C. Giffing, J. S. Anderson.

Classis of Orange.—Ministers—W. H. S. Demarest, R. V. Palmer, J. M. Allen. *Elder*—Geo. H. Sparks.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Ministers—Benjamin E. Dickhaut, Edward J. Runk. *Elder*—C. C. More.

Classis of Westchester.—Ministers—C. K. Clearwater, P. M. MacQueen. *Elders*—N. S. King, M.D., Francis Bacon, A. W. Newman, Samuel Keeler.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye, D.D., was chosen President, and the Rev. William W. Schomp, Vice-President. The Revs. George D. Lydecker and W. H. S. Demarest were chosen Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUESTS.

The Minutes of the Session of 1891 were read and the printed record of them approved. The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were the Standing Committees:

On Synodical Minutes.—*Ministers*—A. H. Huizinga, Mortimer Smith, Alexander Shaw. *Elders*—G. R. Gale, W. C. Spellman, H. Oberglock.

On Classical Minutes.—*Arcot.*— —— —— *Hudson.*—Rev. W. H. Boocock. *Elder*—N. S. King. *Kingston.*—Rev. G. Edwin Talmage. *Elder*—Francis Bacon. *North Long Island.*—Rev. W. W. Clark. *Elder*—J. C. Giffing. *South Long Island.*—Rev. W. W. Schomp. *Elder*—C. L. Hardenberg. *New York.*—Rev. E. J. Runk. *Elder*—C. C. More. *Orange.*—Rev. Mortimer Smith. *Elder*—Samuel Keeler. *Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. H. Hageman. *Elder*—G. A. Henshaw. *Westchester.*—Rev. R. V. Palmer. *Elder*—John Lefferts.

On Classical Reports, or the State of Religion.—*Ministers*—Wm. S. Cranmer, B. E. Dickhaut, P. M. MacQueen. *Elders*—J. S. Anderson, Joseph Shutts, Uriah Auchmoody.

On the Treasurer's Account.—*Ministers*—J. L. Zabriskie, E. J. Runk, Franz Hartig. *Elders*—C. L. Hardenberg, L. R. Ladd, A. W. Newman.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—*Ministers*—C. K. Clearwater, Wm. H. Boocock, G. Edwin Talmage. *Elders*—John Lefferts, J. C. Giffing, Geo. H. Sparks.

ON NOMINATIONS.—*Ministers*—W. W. Clark, E. T. Hallenbeck, B. A. Bartholf. *Elders*—N. S. King, John Graham, Samuel Keeler.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions informing Synod that the Rev. David J. Burrell, D.D., had been duly appointed by said Board to present its claims and interests before this Synod.

Referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

A communication was received from the Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D., announcing that he had been authorized to present the cause of the Board of Foreign Missions before this Synod.

Referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

A communication was received from the Rev. Madison C. Peters, pastor of the Bloomingdale Reformed Church, New York city, inviting Synod, on behalf of his people, to hold its next regular Session in that church.

The invitation was accepted by the Synod.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully report as follows:

Your Committee have examined the Minutes of the various bodies which have been submitted to them. Nothing has been found requiring action by this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. HUIZINGA, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS, OR THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on Classical Reports, or the State of Religion, reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully reports:

Full reports have been received from all the Classes of the Synod. These reports are remarkable chiefly for the contrasts which they offer, and show conclusively that the year has not been one of unalloyed blessing.

The Classes of New York and Kingston report a marked decrease in the number of communicants, though this decrease is rather apparent than real; while on the other hand the Classes of North and South Long Island have added six new churches and a proportionate number of communicants to their rolls. None of the reports are despondent in tone, exactly; but some of them lament a falling off in spiritual fervor. In very few instances have there been notable revivals. It is the Committee's opinion, however, that a fair estimate of the year's work should take into account the fact that the year preceding was one of peculiar blessing, and not a normal standard by which to measure ordinary progress. Thus, by comparison, we find we have received fewer converts than last year by 257; dismissed and buried 225 more; have a Sunday school enrollment of 1,000 less, and have

fallen behind in benevolence $10,500. At the same time we have gained 6 churches, 432 families and 3,000 communicants, making a total now in communion of 31,503, a net gain of 114 over last year, while for congregational purposes we have given $385,548, or $15,215 in excess of last year's phenomenal gifts.

This is indeed a gratifying showing and should cause us to give thanks to God. He has permitted the Synod of New York to do good work in His name.

The Committee offer no resolutions, but would call the attention of Synod to the following:

1st. An increased membership has given $15,000 more this year than last for congregational purposes, but nearly $2,500 less for the work of the Boards.

2d. The statistical tables referred to this Committee, while accurately compiled by the Clerk of Synod, and delivered by him precisely as received, cannot be balanced or verified by any known system of bookkeeping.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. STOCKTON CRANMER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

Three men have been ordained and installed as pastors during the year, viz.: A. Masillamini, P. Souri and John Souri. The first class which has graduated from our Theological Seminary were licensed to preach the Gospel at the last meeting of Classis. Their names are as follows: Erskine Tavamani, John Yesuratnam, Subbarayan Santosham, Joseph Shelvam, Samuel Paul Aiyavu, Shadrach Chellan, Elia M. Nathaniel.

JOHN SCUDDER, *S. C.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

Every one of our churches has made a full report of t year's work to the Classis. These reports show a healt condition generally prevailing, give account of good results attained and speak of a hopeful future.

First, Claverack, speaks of a quiet steady advance, of a marked spiritual growth among the young people and of benevolent contributions surpassing those of last year. "The Memorial Hall, in commemoration of the 125th anniversary of the erection of the church edifice, will be put up this year in the center of the village and devoted to church purposes, the congregation having contributed liberally to this building."

Mellenville, formerly *Second, Claverack,* without a pastor since November, has maintained her meetings and her benevolent contributions with her usual faithfulness, and has just called a pastor, under whose leadership she expects to press forward with courage and hopefulness. "We have just sustained a very severe loss, one hundred and thirty-three of our members withdrawing to form a church in Philmont. But through all trials of getting a pastor and of church division, we have been kept in brotherly love.

Gallatin speaks of the regular work of the church being maintained and of the ordinary success. The children and young people are well cared for, and show a becoming interest.

Germantown says the congregations are well kept up, and there is a growing religious interest. There is a large attendance upon the weekly prayer-meetings. A Young Men's Christian Association has been organized. Eight hundred dollars have been expended upon the church and parsonage putting them in good condition. The statistics show that sixteen have been received on confession of faith.

Greenport speaks of a winter of prevailing sickness and many deaths to the great sorrow and loss of the church. The many agencies of church work have been regularly and faithfully sustained. The best of friendship prevails and cheers the heart of the pastor.

Hudson speaks of the various young people's societies and ladies' organizations maintaining their efficiency, of the largest Sunday school in its history, of prayer-meetings of much interest, of mission work in different parts of the city

carried on with enthusiasm and success, and of benevolent contributions being maintained.

Linlithgow reports a growing interest in every department of church work. Services are well attended.

Livingston at Linlithgo conducts a promising and needed work at the chapel at Benden Mines, and is much encouraged in it. The church is prospering along all its lines, prayer-meetings well attended. Sunday school never has done better. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor is growing in numbers and influence, and has raised over one hundred dollars for church improvements. They are out of debt and the spirit of union prevails.

Philmont has been organized within the last month and is hopefully beginning its history.

Upper Red Hook reports that removals and deaths are continually diminishing the strength, and there seems no enlargement of the community that is beneficial to the church. A new mission has been undertaken two miles north of the church, with a promise of good. The prayer-meeting has an increased attendance. The ladies' organizations are doing excellent work. Improvements have been made in the church buildings.

West Copake has been without a pastor since last November. The statistical report shows she has maintained her benevolence and has received nine members upon confession of faith.

In November, Rev. James C. Garretson was released from pastorate at West Copake that he might take a much needed rest. He is still a member of the Classis, and resides at Trenton, N. J.

In November, also, Rev. John G. Gebhard was dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery.

In March, Rev. John H. Wyckoff was granted a letter to the Classis of Arcot that he might resume his missionary work in India. The Classis parts with him with deep regret, and will follow him to his far-off field with a growing interest in the grand work in which he is engaged.

In March, with the concurrence of Classis, 123 members of the Second Church of Claverack organized the new church of Philmont. This church starts out with deep love for the mother church and with excellent spirits. She has fine prospects of a flourishing and useful life. We are proud to add the name to the roll of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

F. S. SCHENCK, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report that communications have been received from all the churches except Gardiner.

The tone of some of the churches is more cheering in respect to the *enjoyment* of the means of grace than the *improvement* of them. Sanctuaries and prayer-meeting rooms are visited by usual numbers. The word in sound strikes no fewer ears than formerly. Every week, as usual, the voice of prayer is lifted up toward Heaven, but the word bears not its desired fruit; prayer seems not to bring down life gifts to any general extent.

But all is not frost. There is some sunshine. Two churches, at least, come to us with cheerful smiles upon their countenances and words of praise upon their tongues.

The church at Dashville Falls deserves special mention. Without a pastor for several months during the year, that church is yet able to report an addition of twenty-two to its membership on confession.

The following is a synopsis of the churches:

Bloomingdale. "God has remembered our Zion; watered it with the dews of His grace. Twenty-six have united with the church in confession."

The congregations are large. The Sabbath school is constantly increasing in numbers. The prayer-meetings are largely attended and the church is in a sound financial condition. The church feels grateful to God for His continual presence and blessing.

The Church of the Clove reports, "The work of the past year has been such as to fill our hearts with thanksgiving to God for His manifold blessings. Special services were held at High Falls previous to the March communion, when nineteen persons professed faith in Christ. The Sabbath schools have been regularly maintained and faithful work done. In one of the schools the teachers have met every week for a half hour of united prayer. The financial condition of the church is cause for thankfulness, also, all the debts of the year having been paid and a balance in the treasury.

Dashville Falls. Statistics only.

Gardiner. No report.

Guilford is unable to record any special work of Divine grace. Severe and long continued sickness has greatly diminished the attendance at the regular church services. The Sabbath schools and Christian Endeavor Societies are in a prosperous condition. The prayer-meetings are well sustained. With quiet trust and assured hope the church looks to God, who can cause the seed sown to grow up and yield much fruit.

Hurley reports nothing of religious interest. Sabbath school instruction has been imparted throughout the year. The members of the school have contributed about $70 to missions. The church edifice has been painted within and without. New carpets and furniture have been procured.

Kingston, Fair Street. Nothing of an exceptional nature has occurred during the year. All the means of grace have been sustained. A goodly number have been admitted to the church. The attendance at the Sabbath services has been gratifying. The church mourns the loss of a number who have been removed by death. Fifty dollars have been contributed by one individual to the Arabian Mission.

Krumville reports the protracted illness of the pastor, and that they are struggling for life, and find it impossible to contribute to the different Boards of the church. Several

families have removed out of the congregation, making it still more difficult to meet their expenses.

Lyonsville. No report except statistics.

Marbletown has witnessed no special work of grace during the year. The work of the church has been quietly carried on in all its departments. The Sunday school and Christian Endeavor Society have been maintained, and both have contributed toward mission work; the Sabbath school has joined the "Church Builders." The Ladies' Aid Society has shown its accustomed activity, giving practical aid to the enterprises of the church, contributing to both branches of our missionary work and starting an organ fund. This church gratefully recalls the past and looks with hope into the future for greater spiritual blessings.

North Marbletown. The work in this church has not been distinguished by any special manifestations of the Spirit's presence. Six members have died during the year; one of them, Frederick C. Markle, at the advanced age of ninety-eight years. The Y. P. S. C. E. and the Sabbath school have continued their meetings during the year. A Woman's Missionary Society has been organized, auxiliary to both the Foreign and Domestic missionary work. The church indulges in the hope that larger spiritual results may be realized during the coming year.

New Paltz reports a year of quiet, uneventful, but happy and successful congregational life and work. The usual Lord's day and week day services have been held, and the usual means of grace carefully and prayerfully dispensed and received, and God has blessed them to the conversion of sinners and to the edification of His people and their growth in grace. The church is grateful for God's love in the past and for the continuance of His mercies, and prays for the forgiveness of their sins and shortcomings in His service, and for greater fidelity and activity in the future.

Rochester reports a year of prosperity. The attendance at the Sabbath services and C. E. meetings has been good. The church reports the organization of two additional C. E. so-

cieties, and mentions the fact that their former pastor was called away and now Rev. J. L. McNair has accepted their call, and will, doubtless, soon be installed as their pastor.

Rosendale. This church shows considerable progress. While no special services were held, the regular services have been well attended and the weekly prayer-meeting and Y. P. S. C. E. were sustained. God has been gracious to them and they are seeking to do His will and work.

St. Remy reports that the Gospel has been faithfully preached and the attendance at the regular services large. No special awakening has taken place during the year, but all the means of grace seemed to be enjoyed. The Sabbath school has been well attended, and an increasing interest shown on the part of the older members of the church and congregation. The prayer-meetings have been maintained and there has been a growing interest in missions. The church and shed have been painted during the year.

Ministerial Changes. The pastoral relation between the Rev. John B. Church and the church of Rochester was dissolved, to take effect February 28th, 1892, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Passaic to become the pastor of the Riverside Church of Paterson, N. J.; also, the Rev. John L. McNair was received from the Classis of Raritan, April 19th, 1892, and arrangements made for his installation over the church of Rochester on May 10th.

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN E. LASHER, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully offer the following report:

We have received reports from all the churches except that of Williamsburgh. The general tenor of the reports is that harmony, peace and prosperity prevail. So far as the statements go, the larger portion of the churches are doing

most excellent work for the Master. We report with gladness an increase in the number of those received by confession and certificate. We also report with gratitude the organization of three new churches within the bounds of Classis, two of them for the purpose of giving the preaching of the Gospel to German populations. We also report with gratitude a considerable increase in gifts for denominational objects. At the same time the gifts for congregational purposes have increased to an even greater extent.

We call attention of Classis to the following:

1st. In some of the requirements of the tabulated reports very few of the churches make any statement. Under the head of number of baptized non-communicants, but one church gives a report.

2d. In some of the requirements of the tabulated reports, the churches seem to have very divergent ideas. As an example, under the head of Catechumens, many make no report; some report the number in the catechetical classes, others all the members of the Sunday school. We would recommend that Classis declare the meaning to have reference only to those who are in regular catechetical classes.

The following is a summary of the reports of the individual churches :

Jamaica. This church has now a faithful pastor, under whose ministry there has already been a decided growth in its spiritual condition and work. At the last communion 20 united with the church by confession, evidencing the presence of the Holy Spirit and a blessed work of grace by Him. The material affairs of the church continue in excellent condition.

Newtown has lost the pastor who ministered to it for twenty-five years. A student in Union Seminary has been for several months acting as stated supply and under the inspiration of his energy, enthusiasm and spirituality the church has advanced in every department of life and work. The church services are better attended, the prayer-meeting has been greatly revived, a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized and the finances of the church are in much better condition.

Oyster Bay has nothing of special interest to report in the line of forward movement, but rejoices there has been no movement backward.

North Hempstead reports a good condition of affairs, with activity and consecration on the part of its various societies. Special services have been held at Great Neck and Little Neck, in both places with profit to those who attended and in the former with considerable religious interest.

Williamsburgh has sent no report to Classis. During the year, however, the church has lost its pastor and is now vacant.

Astoria reports a simplifying and union of church organizations and thus a strengthening of them for work in the church. The church has lost many members by the organization of the church at Steinway, as well as by death and removal, but has, notwithstanding, increased in financial strength.

Flushing reports, as the center of its interest and effort, the building of a new church edifice. The whole work is well under way and the chapel is nearly completed. Notwithstanding, the regular work of the church has gone on with success.

Greenpoint gives us an excellent report. All lines of church work have been carried on successfully. The special feature of the year has been the completion of a "children's mission" in the crowded tenement population. It is already used for the religious and industrial training of the children of these people with blessed practical results. It cost $21,112.23 and was dedicated free of debt.

South Bushwick states that affairs are moving on pleasantly and successfully. Harmony, activity and consecration exist, and good work is being done for the Master.

Second Astoria reports continued prosperity. The entire debt of the church has been paid off, the services are well attended, the Sabbath and Parochial schools flourishing, and the spiritual condition of the church very gratifying.

East Williamsburgh. After many years of vacancy, the pastorate of this church has been filled by the installation of the Rev. L. Wm. Hones. The work of the church is going on with harmony.

Queens joins in line with a report of progress and increased strength. The congregation, which meets in the chapel at Hyde Park, is looking towards organization. The attendance at the church services has been generally good, and the benevolent contributions, as well as the salaries of those who serve it, have been increased. It has met with a severe loss in the death of one of its most generous members, who proved his loyalty to the church and to the denomination by leaving to the church and the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions and Education, donations aggregating $40,500. Of this sum the church receives $15,500. Your committee commends his example in life and death to all members of the Reformed Church.

German Evangelical, St. Peter's, Brooklyn, reports that the prospects of the church are not so bright as formerly, as a very undesirable class of people, the Polish Jews, are settling about the church and causing the Germans to leave. But the church work is still carried on with vigor, and in this work the ladies of the church are especially active. The church has met with many losses by removal, and has given quite a large number to start the new organization, now under the charge of Rev. J. M. Wagner.

Sayville. All is going on well in this church. The members have been making efforts to pay off the debt, and the prospects are that it will all be paid next July. The church has been supplied by students from the Seminary at New Brunswick.

Locust Valley has little to report in the way of growth. Many of the residents of the vicinity will not go to church, but they send their children to the Sabbath school, and in this lies the hope of greater growth in the future.

College Point reports evidences of substantial gain on every side. Among other things, a mid-week prayer-meet-

ing has been established, and, through the agency of the members of the church, there is now a Young Men's Christian Association in the village.

First Long Island City has had a steady growth during the year. The services have been well attended, and there is a deeper spiritual life on the part of the members.

Bushwick seems to be discouraged, having lost much of its strength by removals. The character of the people of the neighborhood is such that there is little promise of strength for the church in the future.

German Evangelical, of Jamaica, tells of prosperity. Excellent work has been done in church and Sunday school. Substantial improvements have been made, and payments made on church debt.

Hicksville reports its new church building dedicated March 23d, 1892. The Holy Spirit is present with the church. Peace and harmony prevail, and the people are doing faithful work.

Second, Newtown. A beautiful church building has been erected in an excellent location, and the brethren have the hope and prospect of success in their work for the Master.

Steinway. This church was organized November 27th, 1891, as the outgrowth of a Union Church, which was a part of the Reformed Church of Astoria. It starts with a strong and hopeful life. It has a beautiful church property, free of debt, and worth not less than $30,000. It begins work with unity, enthusiasm and consecrated purpose. It is financially strong, spiritually alive, actively aggressive. It is ministered to by Rev. U. D. Gulick as stated supply.

Grace Church, Woodhaven. This church was organized July 8th, 1891. The Rev. F. J. Kraushar was ordained and installed pastor November 11th, 1891. The organization, while not very strong, is a very promising one. It has a neat church edifice, and the people are of good cheer and encouraged to press on in the doing of the Lord's work.

Church of Jesus, Brooklyn. This church was organized December 17th, 1891. It worships now in the chapel of the South Bushwick Church. For several months the Rev. J. M. Wagner has, without compensation, supplied this people, preaching the Word of God. The Sabbath school is flourishing, but the people, for their success, need very much a church edifice of their own.

The following changes have taken place during the year in the ministry and the churches:

The pastoral relation between the Rev. A. I. Martine and the Church of North Hempstead was dissolved May 4th, 1891, and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Elizabeth, N. J.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. C. I. Shepard, D. D., and the Church of Newtown was dissolved September 8th, 1891.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. E. P. Terhune, D. D., and the Church of Williamsburgh was dissolved October 20th, 1891.

The Rev. Nathaniel Nicolai was dismissed to the Presbytery of Elizabeth, September 8th, 1891.

William Ten Eyck Adams and Charles Sterling Wyckoff were licensed to preach the Gospel, May 25th, 1891. Mr. Adams was dismissed to the South Classis of Long Island and Mr. Wyckoff to the Classis of Illinois.

The Rev. A. A. Zabriskie was received from the South Classis of Bergen, June 22d, 1891, and installed pastor of the church of North Hempstead, September 3d, 1891.

The Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., was received from the South Classis of Long Island, September 8th, 1891, and installed pastor of the church of Jamaica, September 24th, 1891.

The Rev. L. Wm. Hones was received from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, October 20th, 1891, and installed pastor of the church of East Williamsburgh, November 19th, 1891.

The Rev. F. J. Kraushar, after examination, was received as a member of Classis, October 20th, 1891, and installed pastor of Grace Church, at Woodhaven, November 11th, 1891.

The Rev. O. E. Cobb, for many years pastor of the church of Flushing, passed to his reward, having fallen asleep September 23d, 1891. He was a brother, manly, gentle, faithful, spiritually minded, consecrated, dearly beloved.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Wm. H. Ford and the church of Bushwick was dissolved this day (April 19th, 1892), to take effect on May 1st, 1892.

GEO. D. HULST, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully submit the following:

A review of the past year shows the churches of the Classis to be in a healthy condition. There has been an increase over the previous year in the amount contributed for benevolent purposes. The same may be said in regard to the membership. We record with thankfulness the addition of three new churches to our number, one of which, the Edgewood Church at Blythebourne, has a pastor and is already self-supporting.

The following is condensed from the church reports:

First Reformed. We have large audiences at both services; all the pews on first floor, with one exception, are let. Several of the gallery pews have been rented. Our prayer-meeting is crowded. Our large Sabbath school rooms are overcrowded, two large classes have to meet in the main church. We have a Young Men's Prayer-Meeting, a Young Woman's Prayer-Meeting, a Woman's Missionary Society, a Young Woman's Missionary Circle, a Ladies' Aid Society and the King's Daughters. Our motto is:

"Plan your work,
Work your plan."

Centennial Chapel. No report.

Flatbush. With gratitude to God for all His mercies, we acknowledge that He has not withdrawn from us His presence and blessing during the past season. The Word has been faithfully preached and the promise has been fulfilled, it shall not return to me void, but shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

While we would have welcomed a season of great revival and a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit, yet we are not discouraged, for many have come out on the Lord's side—some upon confession of their faith and others have joined our communion on certificate from other churches—so that we are not without a regular steady increase. The spirit of charity, in accordance to the precepts of God's Word, has been shown in regular church collections and in the generous gifts of our people in response to requests from various benevolent institutions to which they are accustomed to contribute.

The work at Grace Chapel also continues in a flourishing condition. There have been accessions to the church at every communion—some by certificate from other churches, but the greater number on confession of faith. The prayer-meetings are well attended, as are also the Monday evening meetings of the Y. P. S. C. E. Tracts to the number of seventy are distributed monthly.

New Utrecht. The Consistory reports that the attendance has been uniform throughout the year at all our regular services, and that the interest in the work of the church has not decreased. The Sabbath school and other organizations have met with marked success. Improvements have been made upon the church property, and a new and commodious chapel is being built. We report an unusually large number of dismissals owing to the organization of a Reformed Church at Blythebourne, L. I.

Gravesend. The means of grace have been well sustained. Sunday schools are well manned. Prayer-meetings well attended. Christian Endeavor Society is becoming an increasing power in our church. We expect to have our Woodlawn Chapel ready for dedication about May 1st, and free of debt, after an outlay of upwards of three thousand dollars ($3,000).

Flatlands. With devout gratitude to God, we acknowledge the kindly Providence which has been with us during the past year. Peace has prevailed in our midst, the services of God's House have been well attended, and the people have been faithful unto the Lord's work committed. We have

not been without evidence of God's grace and power. The Y. P. S. C. E. has been very helpful in leading the young people to engage in active Christian work.

New Lots. We have been prospered as a church in temporal and spiritual things. Our church edifice has been repainted inside, recarpeted and beautified in general. Our lecture room has been enlarged. A colored mission has been supported during the past six months.

East New York. The rebuilding and refurnishing of our church edifice, at an expense of nearly $18,000, has occupied the most of the year. There has been some advance along the line of all departments of our church activity. Our members are united and aggressive in their Christian work. Our list of members has been carefully revised and the 225 names reported stand almost without exception for active Christians.

South Brooklyn. The resignation and removal of our former pastor (Rev. A. DeW. Mason) was sincerely regretted by all, but being left without a pastor seemed to inspire each one with a sense of responsibility, and together we have labored and prayed, and God has answered our prayers by sending us a pastor whom we believe He has chosen for us. While we have been without a pastor, the remainder of a debt of $3,000 has been paid off, so that our church is to-day absolutely free from debt of any kind, and our people thoroughly united.

Twelfth Street. While there has been no special outpouring of the Spirit at any particular time of the past year, yet at each communion we have been given the witness of the power of the truth faithfully preached, and the number of those who have been received upon confession from the Sabbath school is also an evidence of faithfulness of loving presentation of the all powerful love of the Saviour. The church reports great prosperity in all its spiritual and temporal affairs.

North Reformed. We are extremely grateful, as we come to the close of another year, for what God hath wrought in our midst. There has been a steady growth in attendance at the services, in the offerings of the people, in the membership of the church. During the two weeks just past we have been

making a special effort to reach the unsaved, and many have decided for Christ and will unite with us at the first opportunity.

Church-on-the-Heights. The church shows good spiritual life, but sadly misses its pastor, Rev. W. R. Davis, D.D., who has been laid aside from active duty for some weeks.

Bethany Chapel is as yet without a pastor. Good work is, however, being done there, especially among the young men and women, who are well organized in various societies for Christian work.

New Brooklyn. We are trying to do faithful work. Our pews are all rented. Our finances in a good condition. The different societies in the church are very useful in advancing the Lord's kingdom.

Second, Flatbush. Efforts are now being made to revive the church, which has undergone severe times of disappointment.

Canarsie. The church reports hopes of soon expecting to have a pastor. They are hopeful for the future. Peace prevails.

Bedford. The stated services on the Lord's day and through the week have been maintained without intermission. Under a financial stress too much of the best energies of God's people have been turned to the question of ways and means, and yet the year has not been without its growth in grace.

St. Thomas, W. I. This church reports a Ladies' Aid Society, organized June, 1891, which since that time has raised $750, much of which has found its way into the homes of widows, the poor, the sick, the blind. The pastor's wife, with assistance, has started an additional Sunday school, with an average attendance of sixty. The ladies hold a monthly missionary meeting, also a weekly meeting at the parsonage to sew for the poor. The outlook is hopeful.

Ocean Hill. While we can record no special work of grace, still the favor and blessing of the Most High have

been manifestly present with us, and a growing spirituality is plainly seen in the ranks of our people. With faith and hope for the future, we go forth in His strength.

Edgewood. Edgewood presents its first Consistorial report. The church was organized on July 30th, 1891. During this time twenty-one new members have been added to its roll. There is every reason for encouragement in the good work here begun.

Ridgewood. The Ridgewood Reformed Church, not yet a year old, reports progress. We are already worshiping in our new church. Audiences are good, and the Sunday school is well attended. There is prospect for growth. The great need now is a pastor living among us.

Greenwood Heights Church. This church was organized November 12th, 1891, with twenty-two members. The church has thus far no settled pastor, the services being in charge of a theological student.

The following *Ministerial changes* have occurred during the year:

The pastoral relation between Rev. Mr. Bruschweiler and the Second Church of Flatbush was dissolved on July 23d, 1891.

Wm. Ten Eyck Adams was received as a licentiate from North Classis of Long Island on July 23d, 1891.

Mr. Adams was ordained and installed pastor of Edgewood Church, November 19th, 1891.

The pastoral relation between Rev. A. DeW. Mason and the South Reformed Church was dissolved on October 1st, 1891, and Mr. Mason dismissed to the Classis of Passaic.

The Rev. Edgar Tilton was dismissed to the North Classis of Long Island on July 23d, 1891.

The Rev. A. T. Hageman was dismissed to the Classis of Raritan on July 23d, 1891.

The Rev. J. T. Bergen was received from Classis of Michigan on April 4th, 1892.

Respectfully submitted,

NICHOLAS PEARSE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would report as follows:

Reports have been received from every church in the Classis, and the customary statistical table prepared, from an examination of which one is led to consider the year less prosperous than the preceding, for there has been a falling off in nearly all of the totals: *Fewer* families, additions, adult baptisms, catechumens and Sunday school scholars, *smaller* contributions for benevolent and congregational purposes, with *increased* dismissals, suspensions, deaths and baptized non-communicants. The only hopeful increase is in the number of infants baptized and Sunday schools maintained, with an apparent enlargement of denominational offerings, which will be explained later. The additions have exceeded the losses by 507, but the total of communicants falls 227 behind that of last year, a difference of 734 numbers; since only 393 have been placed upon reserved lists by revision of the roll, there still remains a leakage of 341.

In comparing the benevolence with last year, we find $52,273 reported for denominational and $23,489 for other objects, which indicates that "Pastors and Congregations" have heeded the recommendation of the Particular Synod; but when we come to examine the items of benevolence and the various methods of assigning them to the "denominational" or "other" column, the change is found to be merely one upon paper. Had all the Consistories reported after the manner of some, the proportion would have been as four to one, but, on the contrary, had the method of the others been followed, the division would have been nearly equal, and in either event the total of benevolence is found to be behind that of last year.

After such a discouraging prelude, it is in place to add that many of the churches report large accessions, glowing prospects and successful Sunday schools, and all show a determination to do the Lord's work in this city and Classis.

The various churches report in the following strain:

The Collegiate Church has passed through an important year of history, with the filling of the pulpit of the church

at Fifth avenue and Twenty-ninth street by the Rev. David James Burrell, D. D., last May, and all that his earnest and vigorous methods imply, and the erection of two new church edifices; one at Second avenue and Seventh street, nearing completion, into which the temporary work of Lafayette Place will soon be transferred; and the other at West End avenue and Seventy-seventh street, which is, within the twelvemonth, to be the home of a new and strong congregation. The Lord has blessed both churches and chapels, pastors and people.

The Harlem Collegiate has prospered under the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Elmendorf, although deprived for six months of a second pastor. The two Sunday schools are well maintained with efficient and devoted Christian workers, winning many scholars to Christ. The Ladies' Union Prayer meeting has been lately organized, the regular societies have all been doing good work and God has blessed them.

The South Church. "We are growing slowly but steadily in our new location and our hopes and expectations have not been higher during the present pastorate. It is a cause of great satisfaction that our colored mission has a new and beautiful building of its own, and all our chapel work is in a gratifying condition."

Manor Chapel reports large accessions (chiefly from the Sunday school) and faithful catechetical instruction. The Young People's Association, King's Daughters, Young Men's League and Y. P. S. C. E. have been very active, and a young man is preparing for the ministry.

Staten Island, after the regular work of the year, finds improved attendance, better prayer-meetings (under the auspices of the young people) and the usual additions to membership.

Bloomingdale sends statistical report, with the explanation of its failure to contribute to the Boards, because of the burden of a heavy mortgage. The Bloomingdale Church has now reached a position of working order. The church

supports two Mission Sunday schools and a Mission among the Norwegians in the adjoining neighborhood. Our services are all well attended, and the free-will offerings of the people have doubled during the past year, and our future was never so full of hope.

The *Madison Avenue Church* has added to its roll 80 new members, witnessing to a steady work of grace. The societies mentioned in the last report are all in active operation. The Mission chapel has been the scene of earnest labors and precious reaping.

Thirty-fourth Street has revised its roll, and now, with a corps of ladies, two Theological students, and the pastor, is prosecuting a faithful visitation of its neighborhood. A growing Sunday school, a spirited prayer-meeting and active societies give added encouragement. Extra services have been held in January and March, under the direction of the Rev. Frank Wright, who preached earnestly and sang persuasively, to the stirring up of the people. Change of surroundings and departure of members makes earnest work a necessity.

The *German Evangelical Mission* has to fight against great odds, what with numerous removals, 24 deaths, a non-church-going population, Continental ideas and habits, and the Americanizing of the rising generation, it is a problem how to keep alive. Nevertheless, the Word is preached, the children nurtured, and the benevolence continued.

Huguenots, Staten Island, has been supplied by Mr. H. T. Jones, of the Seminary. With much Sunday visiting and pleasure seeking, the obstacles are great, but the need greater, and this plucky church, with few members, but owning its place of worship, is striving to live and grow, and asks for the prayers and assistance of Classis.

Mott Haven: "On a business avenue, amid a shifting population, with the loss of old families, we have held our own."

Union, High Bridge, speaks of an "average" progress and a small increase, but when we find the Sunday school outgrowing its quarters, an addition to the building at the expense of one of the elders, and a doubling of the benevolent contributions, we must call it more than average.

Fourth German has had quiet but steady work, a number of conversions, and a deepening of the Spiritual life. The falling off in the Sunday school is explained by the dearth of teachers.

Prospect Hill is still weak and struggling. Students have assisted in the services, and a large audience could be gathered by a regular assistant. The debt is reduced by $500, and the elders appeal for relief, if the Classis can so plan, as to complement the labors of their aged but beloved pastor.

Holland sends statistics only, which, however, show a decided increase in contributions for congregational purposes.

Avenue B, German Evangelical, expresses gratitude for faithful labors, good additions and helpful prayer-meetings. Mention is made of the Sunday school, Young Men's Association and charitable women, not a few.

Brighton Heights. "Goodness and mercy have followed through every step of the way." The *free* pew system has enlarged the contributions and increased the attendance, especial activity has been manifest among the young.

Union, Sixth Avenue, has lived as usual. Special services in January quickened all and led five to confess Christ. On April 8th the contract was signed for the purchase of the Third Universalist Church, at an expense of $50,000, possession to be had in July, and the people are animated with a new zeal.

German, Norfolk Street, reports, as last year, many additions, but great losses by removal and death. Twice already the church has moved, and now, after thirty-two years in the present locality, a change seems once more necessary, and

the advice of Classis is asked that the Gospel may continue to be "preached to the *poor.*"

St. Peter's, Kreischerville, has grown a little stronger, the Sunday school is advancing and the Ladies' Benevolent Society proving helpful.

German Evangelical, of Yorkville, is burdened with debt and can no longer hold its own without help. The needs of the field appeal strongly for the maintenance of the church where it is.

Grace Church has suffered losses by removal and death, but has maintained regular services. In addition to the societies mentioned last year, a Y. P. S. C. E. has been organized, which meets weekly. "The Lord's Supper has been administered seven times and baptism to thirty-four persons. One-third of the people are at present living more than two miles away."

Hamilton Grange is growing regularly, the improvement being felt all along the line, as the statistics show. "We hope to do better in the future."

Ministerial Changes have been as follows:

Bombin, Mr. John, examined for licensure and dismissed to the Classis of Bergen, May 25th, 1891.

Burrell, the Rev. David Jas., D.D., received from the Presbytery of St. Paul and installed as pastor of the "Marble Collegiate Church," May 24th, 1891.

Cotton, the Rev. Geo. H., examined for the gospel ministry, Oct. 20th, 1891, and ordained (Nov. 6th) as missionary under the care of Classis to labor in the Lafayette Place Collegiate Church. On April 19th, 1892, he was dismissed to the Classis of Bergen.

Hulbert, the Rev. Palmer S., received from the Congregational Association of Rhode Island, to labor in "Marble Collegiate Church," Nov. 16th, 1891.

Kommers, the Rev. T. John, dismissed to the South Classis of Bergen, July 5th, 1891.

Myers, the Rev. Alfred E., received from the Presbytery of Syracuse, to labor in the "Marble Collegiate Church," April 19th, 1892.

Morgan, the Rev. John F., installed pastor of the Hamilton Grange Church, April 27th, 1891.

Ossewaarde, the Rev. Martin, received from the Classis of New Brunswick and examined for ordination, May 25th, 1891. Ordained and installed over the Holland Church, July 5th, 1891.

Smyth, the Rev. G. H., D.D., dismissed to the Presbytery of Essex and Orange, Oct. 20th, 1891, the pastoral relation between him and the (Second) Collegiate Church of Harlem having been dissolved Oct. 1st.

The following brethren have been called to their reward: The Rev. Drs. W. H. Gleason (Feb. 26th, 1892), W. J. R. Taylor (Nov. 12th, 1891) and F. N. Zabriskie (May 13th, 1891); and, while we mourn their loss as a Classis, it is the Church at large which will miss their voices, energies and pens.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. EDWIN TALMAGE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submit the following report:

While the Consistorial reports for the present year do not show the gains in membership or special outpouring of the Spirit among the churches, such as was manifest in the preceding year, yet there has been a steady increase all along the line. By the revision of membership rolls about twenty-six names have been dropped, and the total gains during the year, of members received over those dismissed and died, being but twenty-one, leaves an apparent decrease of five members. Not until all the churches have revised their rolls will our real strength be known. Among special accessions the church at Bloomingburgh received twenty-five per cent. of its former membership, that of Walkill Valley ten per cent., and no other church over eight per cent. The number of deaths, owing to the prevalence of disease during the past winter, has been far greater than last year, and the

chastening of the Lord calls us to new efforts in working while it is yet day. Four new Sabbath schools have been reported, and an addition of seventy new scholars. The reports of the baptized non-communicants and the number of catechumens are so imperfect that no report can be made by your Committee. The collections for denominational purposes have fallen short of those of the past year by $341, while $250 more have been given for other purposes, notable among them the gifts for the famine in Russia and India. A decrease in the congregational collections of $2,258 is reported, the increase of last year being mainly for building purposes.

Berea is without a pastor, but is patiently waiting for The Great Head of the Church to send them one who will go in and out before them and break unto them the bread of life.

Bloomingburgh has had an accession of twenty-six members—twenty-two on confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. A new chapel has been erected, and no ecclesiastical amusements have been held for the direct benefit of the church.

Callicoon gives only a statistical report.

Claraville. No report.

Cuddebackville has had an unusual number of deaths. Some are seeking the kingdom and apparently near it.

Deerpark reports that the church is united, strong and hopeful.

Ellenville. Temperance at a stand still. Benevolence in the gain. The spiritual life of the members has been quickened through the instrumentality of an evangelist. A Junior Society of Christian Endeavor has been formed.

Fallsburgh has erected a new chapel about four miles from the church, but laments that there has been no visible ingathering into the church.

Grahamsville. No report.

Kerhonkson has a growing Society of Christian Endeavor. Everything is in a healthy condition.

Mamakating. No report.

Minnisink. No report.

Montgomery has made extensive improvements upon the church property. The Y. P. S. C. E. has adopted the plan of systematic beneficence. There has been a steady growth and development of Christian life.

Newburgh sends statistical report.

New Hurley has enjoyed a steady growth during the year. The attendance at the house of God has increased. The Y. P. S. C. E. is in a flourishing condition.

New Prospect has had additions at every communion. Every department of church work is in a healthy condition.

Shawangunk. The ordinances have been faithfully observed. The church is making progress along the line of benevolence.

Unionville. No report.

Walden. Steady interest where unity and general consistency fairly describe the record of the church for the past year.

Wallkill Valley. Benevolent contributions have increased. The Christian Endeavor Society has grown in strength and in interest. A Woman's Missionary Society has been established.

Walpack (*Upper*). The work has been somewhat hindered on account of the prolonged illness of the pastor. Nevertheless, the work has gone on. The Sabbath school has been

sustained, services have been well attended, missionary interest is increasing and the financial condition of the church has greatly improved.

Walpack (*Lower*). No report.

Wawarsing is still without a pastor. Several deaths have occurred and the church is in a discouraging condition.

The following *Ministerial changes* have taken place: June 24th, 1891. Rev. Charles W. Burrowes was dismissed to the Classis of Albany. The pastoral relation between him and the church of Borea being dissolved to admit his acceptance of a call to the church of Coeymans, New York. September 29th, 1891, the pastoral relation between Rev. L. L. Taylor and the church of Deerpark was dissolved, and Mr. Taylor was dismissed to the Presbytery of Pueblo, to admit his acceptance of a call to the Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs. May 26th, 1891, Mr. Robert H. Beattie, a licentiate of the Presbytery of North River, was received from that body, and on June 24th he was ordained by the Classis to the ministry and installed pastor of the church of Newburgh. February 5th, 1892, Rev. Ame Vennema was received from the Classis of Rochester, and on February 23d he was installed pastor of the church of Deerpark.

JOHN L. STILLWELL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

A review of the Statistical Report of Classis and a comparison of the same with the Reports of previous years give us cause for rejoicing and praise to the Heavenly Father. The Lord hath greatly blessed the humble work of His servants in the upbuilding of His kingdom. There has been a gain over last year of 23 families, of 34 received on confession, and of 34 received by certificate. The eleven churches have received into their fellowship a total of 202, while they have lost by death and dismissal 102; this leaves a net gain of 100. Two churches report special seasons of refreshing

from the Lord, and all except one rejoice over the numbers received on confession of faith. The benevolent contributions have fallen short of last year, while the contributions for congregational purposes are much increased. This discrepancy is due to special donations made last year to benevolence, and this year made to the invested funds of one church.

Items of importance in connection with the separate churches will appear in the extracts from Consistorial Reports herewith appended.

First, Poughkeepsie, tells of a year of "uninterrupted peace and harmony" and prosperity. This is manifest in all departments of church work; in the prayer-meeting, in the Sunday school, in the Young People's Alliance and in the Ladies' Society. All appeals for benevolence have been responded to with a good degree of liberality.

Second, Poughkeepsie, reports an unusually large loss by death. Nevertheless, the Church has grown in size; the accessions by letter are greater than in previous years. The regular Sabbath services, the prayer-meetings and the Sunday school have been well sustained, notwithstanding the prevailing sickness.

Fishkill says: "No new lines of work have been taken up during the year, but those previously adopted have been pursued with a fidelity that has brought its appropriate reward." The one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of the church was duly celebrated. Several valuable memorials have been placed in the church during the past year.

Hopewell states that the condition of the church remains about the same as last year. The resignation of a beloved pastor has left the church shepherdless for a few months. A call has been extended to the Rev. Ernest Clapp, of Royersford, Pa.

New Hackensack reports a year of special blessing. The church has been revived, and a large number has been added to the church on confession of faith. Much of this

increase followed a series of special services conducted by the Evangelist, the Rev. F. H. Wright. Mention is also made of the good work done by the Ladies' Missionary Society and the King's Daughters. The key-note of the report is praise and thanksgiving to God.

Hyde Park "finds little of special interest to report. Peace and harmony have continued with us and a cordial support of all the interests of church and Sunday school has been manifested." Earnest prayers are breathed for the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Fishkill-on-the-Hudson says that the good work has gone forward much the same as in previous years. Although there has been no special reviving, the numbers added on confession of faith show that the Holy Spirit is at work in and through the church. The various organizations in the church and the Sunday school have been efficient.

Rhinebeck sends only a statistical report.

Glenham speaks of a year of encouragement. All the services have been well attended, and the contributions for all purposes have increased. Special mention is made of the work done in the Sunday school, in the Society of Christian Endeavor and Junior Endeavor.

Cold Spring reports a year of peace and prosperity. More have been received in the church than have been lost by death and dismissal. The pastor has delivered a course of historical lectures on the great councils and synods of the Christian Church. An encouraging sign is a more prayerful spirit among the members.

Millbrook brings the banner report. The year is characterized as one of great "spiritual blessing." In one year there has been a gain of 12 families and 45 communicants, and an increase of about 33 per cent. in benevolent contributions. No wonder this church is singing heartily "praise God from whom all blessings flow." This church has also celebrated with special services the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization.

The following *Ministerial changes* have occurred: The Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D., was suddenly called to his heavenly reward on June 5th, 1891. The Rev. J. Howard Suydam, D.D., was received from the Classis of Bergen on October 20th, 1891, and was installed pastor of the church at Rhinebeck, November 12th, 1891. The pastoral relation between the church of Hopewell and the Rev. C. H. Polhemus was dissolved on December 7th, 1891, and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of St. Paul.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. DUMONT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

Your Committee on the State of Religion respectfully reports as follows:

All the churches of Classis have handed in reports with the exception of Melrose, and about every report is of an encouraging nature. Every church is now supplied with a pastor, and the statements made seem to indicate that every pastor is doing earnest, faithful work. Some of the weaker churches, that in past days have given considerable anxiety to the Classis, seem to have taken a new lease of life, and are looking into the future with confidence. The church of Hastings announces that it will no longer need help from the Board of Domestic Missions. The churches of Peekskill, Verplanck and Elmsford report that they have paid their church debt, and that of Montrose announces that it has lessened the amount of debt resting upon it. In none of the churches does there seem to have been any retrogression financially, and in some there has been a real advance. At least two have been laying the foundations for aggressive work in their vicinity. A spirit of interest in the work of the benevolent Boards of the church has prevailed. While there has been no large ingathering, still most of the churches have received some accessions, and in a few instances these have been quite large. Altogether we do not recall any time

in recent years when a better state of things has prevailed, and when the outlook was more hopeful and inspiring.

We give below extracts from the reports of the various churches:

Bronxville. The church is in a healthy, growing state. Although only ten have been added to the church roll, yet the attendance is more than doubled. The Sunday school has grown and is finely superintended by Mr. Alexander Masterson. The Y. P. S. C. E. has been more active than ever before. The Consistory has taken great interest in temperance reform movements, and have joined with other bodies here in that work. The King's Daughters have done excellent work, and the young men have taken a lively interest in the church.

Cortlandtown. The church at Cortlandtown, in both its branches, at Montrose and Verplanck, feels encouraged and hopeful. All parts of the church work have been greatly stimulated the past year. The debt upon the church building at Verplanck has been removed and many improvements have been made. The debt at Montrose has been lessened, and some improvements made there also. The Sabbath schools in both are flourishing. A Christian Endeavor Society in each is well sustained. As the result of an earnest, evangelistic effort in the early winter, a number of conversions took place, of whom the greater part were received into the church at Verplanck.

Fordham. Our church year has been one of usual growth. We have not had any marked evidence of God's spiritual presence in converting grace, but most of our church life has gone forth towards work for the poor and preparation for the establishment of two mission stations, one in the village and the other at Belmont. Our financial contributions have gained in home expenses and fallen a little in benevolence over last year. We have opened a Sabbath school and preaching service at Belmont; there has been a growth in attendance both at morning and at the station services. We hope that God will bless this section of our city through the work He permits to be done here in His name.

Greenburgh. The Greenburgh Reformed Church of Elmsford has great reason to be grateful to the Master. During the past year we have been able to pay off our entire church debt, which was something in the neighborhood of $400. Besides this we have succeeded this year in paying something to every Board of the church, a fact which never occurred before in the long and eventful history of this church. Even our Sunday school took up two collections for two of the church Boards. Two new members were added by confession. The missionary spirit of the people is growing, and the spiritual state of the church is encouraging. There is reason to hope for a numerical growth, as new families coming into the place have expressed a desire to connect themselves with our church.

Greenville. We have had quite a revival of interest in church matters during the past year. The regular Sabbath services have been well attended and the prospect is hopeful. We have greatly improved our church building at an expense of over $1,600, and it is all paid for. There are other improvements contemplated in order to keep up with the spirit of the age in which we live. We hope to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of our church on June 13th of this year. Her history is well worthy of notice as she has fostered three of the most active churches of our Classis, namely, Yonkers, Hastings and Bronxville.

Hastings-on-Hudson. There has been for the past year a marked increase in attendance upon all the services, and also a very gratifying increase in contributions to the Boards and to the current expense fund. The church will not apply for aid this year, and there is every indication that it will hereafter be permanently self-supporting.

Melrose. No report. A new pastor, Rev. Geo. H. Miller, was installed in February.

Mount Vernon. It has been a year of hopeful work. Spiritually we have been quickened. A series of union evangelistic meetings in our city, while not resulting in any large accessions to our Reformed Church, have, we trust, in-

creased our zeal and promoted our consecration. We report a larger actual gain in our church membership than in any year for the last seven. The Sunday school and various organizations in the church retain their usual efficiency. Financially we have held our own. An advance worthy of record was taken by the Consistory the first of April this year in abandoning the pew rental system and making the church a free one, supported by voluntary contributions. The year has been one of peace and harmony, and, we believe, full of promise.

Peekskill. The year now closing has been one of quiet church life. Union and harmony have prevailed without interruption. The financial burdens seemed to be more severely felt. Still the necessary expenses were fully met. Early in January the Consistory were threatened with foreclosure of mortgage unless they paid off the same by February 1st. After repeated efforts to borrow the money ($3,500), and which failed, they resolved to raise the same. The work was undertaken after earnest and believing prayer. And the prayer was answered, for the mortgage, which for many years had been a burden to the church and a menace to her existence, is wholly removed. The spirit of sacrifice seemed to move the hearts of the members and many gave the widow's mite. The prospect is now brighter than since many years. We can truthfully say that in this instance the wrath of man praises the Lord.

The Sunday school is in good working order. A Band of Hope was organized during the year which is strong and flourishing. The boys of the school were organized into a military company with marked success. The Y. P. S. C. E. have raised $50 for Missionary purposes. The will of the late Elder S. B. Dyckman, by which generous provisions are made for the maintenance of the church, is in the Court, being contested by the heirs. But there is a reasonable hope that it will not be broken. Altogether, we report progress, with the promise of success in the near future.

Tarrytown, First. A year fully up to the average in prosperity. There have been serious losses through removals, dismissals and death, yet the total of our membership

is increased by ten. The Sunday school, the mission ary societies, and the various organizations for church work have been well sustained, and the interest of the people in all the affairs of the church has been general. In a word, there has been a substantial and hopeful advance.

Tarrytown, Second. The statistical report covers the ground of our church work so completely that there is very little to add. There have been scarcely any changes during the year that are worthy of a permanent record. The prevalence of La Grippe during two months of the winter season kept about one-third of our number away from the regular services. There are at present some hopeful signs of refreshing among us, and we are just as able as usual to continue our work with advantage. Our faith is too strong to give expression to repining.

West Farms. The work here has never been so hopeful. We have taken hold as a united people and as a consequence there are manifest signs of the presence of God. The attendance is larger than last year. Our Sunday school work is carried on by an efficient corps of teachers who are devoted to their work. The prayer-meeting is encouraging, old and young participate. The various societies have been very diligent in their respective work. In the midst of much sickness none have passed away. On surveying the year's work we can say "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Yonkers. Our church is strong, but its condition is one of problems. During the past year, Mr. William Armitage Beardslee, a candidate of the last New Brunswick Seminary Class, has been employed as an assistant of the pastor, and has filled the place with acceptance to the church and its friends. He has conducted the Sabbath afternoon services at the Ludlow Street Chapel, and preached in the church on alternate Sabbath evenings. Our problems are, the building of our new house of worship and the organization of our chapel into a second church. As to our building project, we can only report progress. We have purchased valuable land in the rear of our present church, which will be turned to account in coming work. The new church idea grows slowly

because of the large outlay it will involve. The organization of a second church has engaged the thoughts of many during the past year. Much study has been given to it, but there seems to be lack of material as yet for a Reformed Church in South Yonkers, and, of course, we, as a church, cannot form an organization for another denomination. The future of this important part of our city we cannot to-day distinctly forecast; but we are studying providential leadings, and will be sure to act, as events transpire, for the best interests of our Lord's work in our rapidly growing field.

The following ecclesiastical changes have taken place during the year:

On May 14th, 1891, Rev. Peter M. MacQueen, a licentiate, was received from the Presbytery of Albany and ordained and installed over the church of Bronxville. On August 15th, 1891, Rev. John E. Lang, for fifteen years pastor at Melrose, New York city, died, and on February 8th, 1892, the Rev. George H. Miller was received from the Presbytery of Brooklyn and installed as Mr. Lang's successor on the 23d of the same month.

JOHN K. ALLEN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denomination'l Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
															† R. A. P.		† R. A. P.	
Arcot	L. R. Scudder	50	8	16	13	..	2	90	11	4	12	26	5	212	67 3 11	.....	47 5 3	Arcot, Madras Presid'cy, In.
Yehamur	Abraham Muni	247	30	16	8	6	1	170	45	22	314	381	12	233	31 6 4	.....	83 11 4	" "
Arni	E. C. Scudder, Jr.	31	4	8	6	..	..	46	15	3	103	6	5	178	43 14 4	.....	68 2 5	Arni, " "
Allendal	Moses Nathaniel	15	1	..	1	..	..	16	22	9	55	7	2	37	5 10 10	.....	6 7 10	Guanodiam, N. Arcot "
Guanodiam	"	81	1	2	19	..	4	98	11	..	172	97	8	178	19 12 3	.....	22 10 3	" "
Marutuvambadi	"	10	2	3	2	..	..	17	2	..	24	17	1	16	6 6 7	.....	5 5 3	" "
Vellumbi	E. C. Scudder, Jr.	18	4	..	1	..	..	28	6	2	48	4	2	38	6 4 4	.....	8 9 10	Arni, " "
Chittoor	W. I. Chamberlain	55	12	8	..	..	4	62	6	7	86	29	5	235	31 15 7	.....	18 2 6	Madanapalle, Madras "
Kottapalli	Abraham William	65	8	7	8	..	5	71	5	7	56	76	8	119	7 .. 4	.....	15 3 6	Katpadi, " "
Madanapalle	Jacob Chamberlain. P. Souri. John Souri	186	4	6	15	..	..	128	37	55	330	289	11	630	168 5 9	.....	267 .. 2	Madanapalle, " "
Palmaner	Jacob Chamberlain	12	..	3	2	..	..	27	4	..	7	12	1	80	64 10 6	.....	29 14 10	" " "
Vellore	J. W. Scudder. A. Masillamini	78	11	4	10	..	1	115	6	1	156	16	3	125	177 13 9	.....	131 7 ..	Vellore, " "
Kandiputtur	Isaac Lazar	137	6	4	4	..	4	140	14	4	160	99	6	177	10 6 8	.....	56 .. 2	" " "
Sekadu	"	102	7	4	8	..	1	122	11	5	110	60	2	70	3 3 ..	.....	32 10 5	" " "
Katpadi	Abraham William	137	1	9	14	1	6	153	20	4	211	116	8	229	24 13 6	.....	116 9 ..	Katpadi, " "
Coonoor	E. C. Scudder, Jr.	63	1	7	2	1	3	93	6	..	108	5	2	70	52 3 9	.....	100 1 8	Arni, " "
Tindivanam	John Scudder (s. c.)	18	..	2	..	2	.	25	4	2	89	7	3	121	60 5 6	.....	51 3 ..	Vellore, " "
Sattambadi	"	64	..	1	5	4	4	85	9	..	153	38	9	276	52 .. 3	.....	41 11	" " "
Orattur	Paul Bailey	65	..	5	3	..	1	84	9	..	116	77	2	277	19 5 3	.....	23 7 4	Tindivanam, " "
Vellaripattu	"	59	3	..	6	3	4	49	9	2	63	120	4	232	13 12 7	.....	23 2 7	" " "
Narasinganur	"	40	..	..	..	..	..	67	6	..	60	26	3	158	13 7 8	.....	20 4 6	" " "
Varikkal	John Peter	34	10	1	..	9	.	56	12	..	87	18	3	161	16 11 2	.....	20 10 5	" " "
Kolapakam	"	43	8	1	..	4	2	79	11	4	91	17	3	187	19 14 ..	.....	14 12 5	" " "
	Total	1013	124	107	122	30	41	1821	284	131	2611	1543	108	4034	916 14 10	.....	1203 11 7	

Other Ministers.—Rev. W. W. Scudder, Professor of Theology, Palmaner; Rev. J. W. Conklin, in America; Rev. L. B. Chamberlain, Madanapalle.
Licentiates.—Erskine Tavamani, John Yesuratnam, Subbarayan Santosham, Joseph Shelvam, Samuel Paul Aiyavu, Shadrach Chellan, Elia. M. Nathaniel.

† Contributions by the Missionaries are not included in this account.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denomination'l Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, Claverack	Vacant	120	11	1	13	..	6	247	4	4	...	...	6	380	$697	$372	$2,207	Claverack, Col. Co., N.Y.
Mellenville	David M. Hunter..	140	9	13	133	..	5	164	3	7	..	....	2	268	646	86	2,009	Mellenville, " "
Gallatin	Benjamin A. Bartholf.	68	1	1	4	..	5	106	3	..	....	....	1	60	93	.....	685	Mt Ross, Dutchess Co., "
Germantown	Mortimer Smith.....	108	16	2	7	..	3	197	2	8	..	140	1	157	63	35	1,797	Germantown, Col. Co., "
Greenport	Edward G. Ackerman.	80	2	4	1	..	3	198	6	1	...	80	3	225	94	20	1,280	Greendale, " "
Hudson	Ferdinand S. Schenck.	272	18	6	15	..	7	467	8	4	...	220	1	312	1,322	353	4,709	Hudson, " "
Linlithgow	Jonah W. Vaughan...	68	4	4	3	..	3	170	1	3	51	60	2	150	264	140	1,339	Livingston, " "
Livingston at Linlithgo	William W. Whitney..	70	4	1	6	..	..	94	4	1	26	20	2	124	51	17	1,304	Linlithgo, " "
Philmont	Vacant.....	94	...	...	...	..	...	123	...	...	...	..	1	154	.....	.....	.....	Philmont, " "
Upper Red Hook	George D. Lydecker..	60	2	...	1	..	2	128	1	1	...	60	1	80	299	77	1,235	Upper Red Hook, D. Co., "
West Copake	Vacant.....	78	9	...	...	..	...	113	1	1	...	....	1	176	65	20	1,064	West Copake, Col. Co., "
	Total.....	1164	76	32	183	..	34	2007	33	30	77	580	21	2086	$3,594	$1,120	$17,629	

Other Ministers,—James C. Garretson, 431 Monmouth St., Trenton, New Jersey.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denomination'l Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Bloomingdale	Joseph Millet	125	26	4	...	..	4	198	26	3	...	75	1	251	$56	$7	$1,021	Whiteport, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Clove	Herman Hageman	160	28	13	14	1	4	308	23	8	270	200	3	420	572 90	57 64	1,803 22	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	Vacant*	33	22	...	9	..	5	70	3	12	3	30	1	90	... .	.....	433	Kifton Glen, " "
Gardiner	Supplied†	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	Gardiner, " "
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher	80	3	3	7	..	1	97	1	...	128	68	3	253	35 58	8 50	1,150	" " "
Hurley	Samuel T. Searle	70	1	2	4	..	6	185	4	...	70	....	1	133	292 49	6 25	1,588 56	Hurley, " "
Kingston, Fair Street	Stephen D. Noyes	163	18	13	4	.	8	387	4	2	..	..	1	326	337	207	4,516	Kingston, " "
Krumville	Paul T. Deyo	30	3	...	1	..	1	50	7	2	60	20	1	75	.....	.....	225	Samsonville, " "
Lyonsville	Supplied	50	..	..	..	..	3	139	6	...	...	....	1	70	.....	.....	276	Kripple Bush, " "
Marbletown	Wm. W. Schomp (s c)	104	6	5	5	..	6	183	7	1	....	40	1	50	184 95	69 50	1,013 82	Stone Ridge, " "
North Marbletown	Wm. W. Schomp, S.S.	50	2	...	4	..	6	87	5	2	...	...	1	46	35 30	.....	375 85	" " "
New Paltz	Abel H. Huizinga	300	13	9	15	1	11	500	17	6	....	..	8	555	603 18	331 05	1,908 67	New Paltz, " "
Rochester	John L. McNair	120	8	...	5	..	4	225	5	8	....	27	4	348	68	.....	908 22	Accord, " "
Rosendale	J. N. Morris	125	5	6	...	...	...	236	5	3	180	..	2	260	20	.....	3,458 88	Rosendale, " "
St. Remy	Joseph Millett*	51	2	3	2	..	1	115	2	...	...	8	1	110	22 50	6	500	Whiteport, " "
	Total	1467	137	58	70	2	60	2780	115	47	711	468	29	2987	$2,227 90	$692 94	$19,211 22	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Jas. R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, N. Y.; Rev. James Cautine, Missionary, Busrah, Arabia.

* Revised. † No report since organization.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jamaica	Edgar Tilton, Jr	175	22	9	14	..	10	*325	7	5	....	125	2	315	$760 55	.....	$3 944 68	Jamaica, N.Y.
Newtown ¶	Vacant	96	5	2	7	..	4	148	7	....	....	....	2	289	229 73	.....	2,828 17	Newtown, L. I., "
Oyster Bay	John H. Smock	83	4	1	....	..	6	135	1	4	....	....	1	95	297 62	$5 23	1,083 50	Glen Head, " "
North Hempstead	A. A. Zabriskie	65	1	4	....	..	2	135	2	....	....	....	1	70	200	.....	1,500	Manhasset, " "
Williamsburgh §	Vacant	190	....	....	....	..	....	281	....	....	....	....	1	....	.....	.....	8,000	Station W, Brooklyn, "
Astoria	Wm S. Cranmer	125	21	13	11	..	3	221	17	6	....	....	1	300	467 14	235	3,509	Astoria, L. I., "
Flushing	James Demarest	95	6	14	7	..	3	200	4	....	....	....	1	166	403 25	39 78	10,637 28	Flushing, " "
Greenpoint	Lewis Francis	196	11	11	11	..	7	*420	14	3	....	....	2	1140	1,899 71	.....	15,297 05	148 Noble St., B'klyn, "
South Bushwick	Geo. D. Hurst	200	15	13	16	..	4	414	31	6	....	....	1	1162	293 46	.....	6,426 67	15 Himrod St., " "
Second, Astoria	C. D. F. Steinführer	100	3	....	....	..	2	233	80	1	233	20	1	225	89 14	.....	2,800	Astoria, L. I., N.Y. [B'klyn
East Williamsburgh	L. William Hones	11	2	....	4	..	....	31	1	....	....	....	1	140	7 58	.....	589 93	Flushing Av. and City Line,
Queens	J. S. N. Demarest	76	18	9	6	..	5	153	8	2	....	175	2	415	519 81	100 78	2,882 05	Queens, L. I., N.Y.
German Ev., Brooklyn	John C. Gueuther	320	34	3	35	..	20	*450	160	....	....	120	2	960	650	.....	3,500	178 Lorimer St., B'klyn, "
Sayville	Vacant	34	5	5	....	..	2	53	6	....	....	....	1	100	55 97	45 45	791 85	Sayville, L. I., "
Locust Valley	John H. Smock	40	2	....	1	..	2	50	4	1	....	....	1	95	191	17	785 44	Glen Head, " "
College Point	John Baumeister	100	11	8	3	..	3	*131	35	4	....	182	1	188	400 89	67 84	1,710 72	College Point, " "
1st Ref'd, L. I. City	Alexander Shaw	57	6	1	1	..	..	77	13	....	....	135	1	148	52 70	280	1,037 23	Long Island City, " "
Bushwick	Wm. H. Ford	100	2	1	12	..	....	200	15	....	....	....	1	550	.....	.....	2,200	Station W, Brooklyn, "
German Ev. Jamaica	F. Hartig	54	7	....	....	..	10	150	36	....	....	9	1	100	53 50	15	1,660 86	Jamaica, "
Hicksville	E. Gutweiler	80	3	8	....	..	1	55	....	....	....	....	1	125	.....	.....	4,300	Hicksville, L. I., "
German 2d, Newtown	Vacant	25	....	....	....	..	2	18	1	....	....	6	1	50	.....	.....	1,052	Newtown, " "
Steinway †	Vacant	72	27	24	....	..	....	51	6	2	....	....	1	350	247	.....	18,941 56	Steinway, " "
Grace, Woodhaven	F. J. Kraushar	25	....	....	....	..	....	60	9	....	....	8	1	70	.....	.....	300	Woodhaven, " "
Ch. of Jesus, B'klyn ‡	Vacant	50	14	26	....	..	....	36	45	....	....	12	1	200	15	.....	85 11	315 Graham Av., B'klyn, "
	Total	2325	219	152	128	..	86	4027	502	33	233	792	29	7187	$6,774 05	$806 08	$96,462 60	

Other Ministers.—E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. H. Ten Eyck (s.c.), 159 West 92d St., New York City; Alex. S. Van Dyck, Amoy, China; John M. Wagner, 315 Graham Av., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Robert H. Barr, Newburgh, N. Y.; M. V. Schoonmaker, West Chester, Penn.; Charles I. Shepard, Pasadena, Cal.; E. P. Terhune, 210 Penn St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Candidates.—Herman H. Shook, 4 Wierfield St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

* Revised list. † Supplied by Rev. U. D. Gulick. ‡ Supplied by Rev. J. M. Wagner. ¶ Supplied by Mr. Howard L. Ennis. § Last year's report.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.												Benevolent.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First Reformed	James M. Farrar	262	55	107	10	..	4	403	12	3	...	....	2	1050	$934	$3,714	$8,042	802 President St., Brooklyn.
Centennial Chapel	A. P. Stockwell	80	12	2	2	..	3	....	12	1			1					145 Berkeley Place, "
Flatbush	C. L. Wells	135	9	4	3	..	5	*385	10	1	208	100	1	322	2,871 49	2,082 28	.....	Flatbush, L. I., N. Y.
Grace Chapel	Wm. H. Boocock	110	18	4	1	..	3	....	10	2	...	...	1	198	75 81	.....	604 11	" "
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	100	4	4	14	..	1	281	3	...	....	50	2	341	1,029 15	130	4,299 75	Van Pelt Manor, L. I., "
Gravesend	P. V. Van Buskirk	120	6	3	2	..	2	233	18	2	....	130	3	353	1,062 88	153 72	3,613 11	Gravesend, L. I., "
Flatlands	John S. Gardner‡	79	4	2	4	..	3	176	6	...	93	40	2	260	700 66	101 12	2,963 11	Flatlands, L. I., "
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	80	11	5	4	..	2	186	14	1	...	...	1	275	926 55	428	8,021 50	New Lots Ave, Brooklyn.
East New York	Jesse W. Brooks	128	25	13	11	..	2	225	9	2	62	150	1	420	858 26	531 40	7,860 84	Station E, Brooklyn, N. Y.
South Brooklyn	J. Talmadge Bergen	140	9	11	28	..	2	204	4	...	60	125	1	325	274 18	13	4,190 82	165 52d St., " "
12th St., "	John E. Lloyd	331	46	18	18	..	6	651	20	8	321	582	1	1150	235 15	357 68	4,097 06	468 9th St., " "
North Reformed	E. F Hallenbeck	102	33	18	9		5	219	9	10	....	....	1	190	82 55	55	3,262 22	16 South Elliot Place, B'klyn
Church-on-the-Heights	Wesley R. Davis	185	11	19	4	..	1	274	1	4	....	....	1	100	2,445 64	4,325 18	9,945 47	178 Columbia Heights, "
Bethany Chapel	.....	90	27	3	1	..	1	168	3	5	....	....	1	503	140	457 40	692 40	
New Brooklyn	Jacob Weber	142	17	..	6	..	7	†350	100	...	300	25	1	300	153	50	2,301 27	1062 Herkimer Street, "
Second, Flatbush	.....	31	...	...	...	...	2	57	8	...	....	9	1	49	.....	.....	.....	Flatbush, L. I., N. Y.
Canarsie	.....	32	...	6	...	...	1	69	3	...	3	12	1	60	.....	.....	.....	Canarsie, L. I., "
Bedford	Herman C. Berg	99	...	3	4	...	1	282	...	...	....	52	1	170	.....	.....	.....	Station B, Brooklyn, "
St. Thomas, W. I.	E. C. Oggel	50	10	1	...	..	3	146	6	...	....	60	3	190	54 36	17 81	1,983 50	St. Thomas, W. I.
Ocean Hill	A. Messler Quick	65	2	11	...	1	3	165	7	1	....	235	1	235	43 50	43 50	2,285 50	56 Seventh Ave, B'klyn "
Edgewood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams	40	17	28	...	...	...	45	2	...	2	...	1	140	.....	.....	912 32	Blythebourne, L. I., "
Ridgewood	.....	50	10	6	...	...	...	16	1	...	....	25	1	150	.....	.....	1,200	
Greenwood Heights	.....	22	10	14	...	...	...	24	1	1	....	....	1	50	.....	.....	60 53	
	Total	2473	336	282	121	1	57	4559	259	41	1049	1595	30	6840	$11,749 16	$13,042 28	$64,034 63	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. M. Van Buren, Nyack, Rockland Co., N. Y.; Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, Roosevelt Hospital, 59th St. and Ninth Ave., N. Y.; Rev. Daniel Rapalje, Amoy, China; Rev. John Mason Ferris, Editor *Christian Intelligencer*, 4 and 6 Warren St., N. Y.; Rev. David S. Sutphen, Bloomfield, N. J.; Rev. R. G. Strong§ (S.C.), Principal of Erasmus Hall Academy, Flatbush, L. I.; Rev. D. N. Vanderveer, Greenport, L. I.; Rev. Walter T. Griffen, Limoges, France; Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, Stated Clerk Particular Synod of N. Y., 557 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. U. D. Gulick, Morristown, N. J.; Rev. Edwin F. See, General Secretary Y. M. C. A., 502 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y.. Rev. Jeremiah L. Zabriskie, Waverly Ave., Flatbush, L. I.; Rev. Wm. D. Perry, 187 Carlton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. F. Bruschweiler.

* Includes the 106 members of Grace Chapel. † Revised list. ‡ Acting Stated Clerk. § Died April 22d, 1892.

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New York (Collegiate) North..... DeWitt... Knox.. Col. Chap'ls.	Thomas E. Vermilye Talbot W. Chambers Edward B. Coe..... David James Burrell	543	148	25	37	1	27	1936	34	14	....	....	6	2003	$33,842 25	$4,162 48	.....	15 West 56th St., N. Y. City. 70 West 36th St., " 42 West 52d St., " 48 West 20th St., "
	Kenneth F. Junor.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	160 West 29th St., "
	William Vaughan.	....	....	....	....	....	....	†.	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	18 West 61st St., "
Harlem Collegiate.....	Joachim Elmendorf..	540	50	20	26	..	7	1240	21	16	....	870	2	1342	3,137 41	4,360 62	.....	35 Mt. Morris Ave.,
South	Roderick Terry.....	160	6	3	...	..	1	213	3	...	134	30	2	224	6,741	1,759	$10,000	169 Madison Ave., "
Manor Chapel (South)	James J Palmer.....	175	22	10	...	..	6	195	15	1	160	75	2	500	469	14	.....	302 West 29th St., "
Staten Island.....	James Brownlee, E. Alfred H. Demarest	160	10	6	9	..	6	326	11	4	....	175	2	500	558 94	237 80	4,512	Cranford. N. J. Port Richmond, S. I., N. Y.
Bloomingdale...	Madison C. Peters ...	275	20	31	8	..	1	215	27	6	....	125	3	400	.....	500	9,500	B'way & 68th St., N. Y. City.
Madison Avenue.....	Abbott E. Kittredge..	282	37	43	43	..	9	902	13	9	....	863	2	975	2,763 07	9,106 14	36,881 83	711 Park Ave.. "
Thirty-fourth Street...	Peter Stryker.	†140	18	14	17	..	6	†270	7	4	72	284	1	303	854	314	6,898	326 West 33d St., "
German Ev. Mission...	Julius W. Geyer.....	90	1	36	15	..	24	350	70	4	....	30	1	450	435	1,625	1,377 71	78 Second St., "
Huguenots.....	Supplied	....	2	....	....	..	....	27	....	....	....	61	1	61	45	.....	424	
Mott Haven.....	G. Edwin Talmage....	†34	9	2	‡7	..	3	114	2	1	125	280	2	400	337 32	24 56	2,556	683 East 144th St., "
Union, High Bridge...	Henry M. Cox	118	13	9	‡14	..	‡7	160	10	3	50	111	1	259	1,088 84	133 80	4,125 32	High Bridge, "
Fourth German...	John H. Oerter.....	124	32	2	4	..	....	†440	42	1	210	156	1	315	237 80	50	1,805 76	248 West 40th St., "
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush.	30	4	4	9	..	2	94	1	1	....	71	1	164	60	76	1,404 70	7 East 92d St., "
Holland.	Martin Ossewaarde ..	30	2	...	1	..	2	53	3	...	30	9	..	9	19 50	.....	123 73	279 West 11th St., "
Avenue B, German Ev.	Jacob Schlegel.....	116	70	1	4	..	6	500	110	....	....	50	1	475	172	225	2,150	602 5th St , "
Brighton Heights.....	John Hutchins.....	217	13	12	8	..	2	335	10	3	79	200	1	273	554 68	107 98	4,696 62	New Brighton, S. I., N. Y.
Union, Sixth Avenue	Henry V. S. Meyers...	49	14	5	9	..	1	154	2	2	34	100	1	120	321 61	44 15	1,747 10	250 West 12th St., N. Y. City.
German, Norfolk St...	Frederick C. Erhardt.	74	44	1	2	..	12	282	79	3	...	28	1	330	145	80 92	1,768	147 Norfolk St., "
Kreischerville St. Pt'rs.	Jacob Gauss.....	80	22	...	...	..	3	90	45	...	....	12	1	130	5	.....	800	Kreischerville, S. I., N. Y.
German Ev., Yorkville.	Louis Goebel.....	....	24	....	1	..	....	150	10	1	....	20	1	340	21	24	1,800	343 East 84th St., N. Y. City.
Grace.....	Joseph R. Duryee....	177	17	5	4	2	7	211	29	5	....	....	1	308	334	614	1,984	139 East 36th St., "
Hamilton Grange.....	John F. Morgan	105	31	36	13	..	1	185	24	1	72	....	1	406	128 36	29 96	2,017	345 West 145th St., "
	Total..	3519	609	265	231	3	133	8442	568	79	966	3550	35	10282	$52,273 78	23,489 41	$96,571 77	

Foreign Missionaries.—Leonard W. Kio, Amoy, China; C. H. H. Wolff, E. Rothesay Miller, Yokohama, Japan.

Other Ministers.—W. W. Clark, 532 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y; H. Du Bois, High Bridge, N. Y. City; E. S. Fairchild, 379 Ohio St., Chicago, Ill.; Palmer S. Hulbert, 148 East 36th St., N. Y. City; Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; G. H. Mandeville, 16 East 126th St., N. Y. City; A. S. Park, Huntington, Conn.; G. S. Plumley, P. O. Box 787, N. Y. City; E. A. Reed, Holyoke, Mass.; A. G. Vermilye, Englewood, N. J.; Wm. Westerfield, 68 Convent Ave., N. Y. City; Alfred E. Meyers, 3 West 29th St., N. Y. City.

Candidate.—M. G. Schwartz, 65 Avenue A, N. Y. City.

† Revised.

‡ Mostly from non-resident list.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.		
Berea	Vacant	52	6	1	9	..	3	112	...	3	42	....	1	74	$10	.....	$594 52		
Bloomingburgh	John L. Stillwell	61	22	4	11	..	2	115	1	9	...	....	2	110	51	.....	1,284	Bloomingburgh,	N.Y.
Callicoon	Henry Unglaub	62	7	...	...	..	3	152	17	...	...	....	1	152	27	.....	386	Callicoon,	"
Claraville	William Coombs, S.S.	37	...	...	...	..	2	37	...	...	....	....	1	37	.....	.....	.....	Grahamsville,	"
Cuddebackville	Gilbert Lane	63	...	2	1	..	...	95	3	...	....	....	2	125	30	$14	.....	Cuddebackville,	"
Deerpark	Ame Vennema	236	9	8	5	..	5	354	8	6	214	150	3	555	727 40	257 62	4,250 50	Port Jervis,	"
Ellenville	H. A. Hendrickson	150	13	7	10	..	10	*285	8	4	..	75	2	300	483 97	169 46	2,326 91	Ellenville,	"
Fallsburgh	R. T. Statesir	97	...	...	...	..	1	105	2	...	..	..	3	154	178 93	.....	682 41	Woodbourne,	"
Grahamsville	William Coombs, S.S.	34	7	1	3	..	2	88	...	6	....	....	1	72	32 32	30	526	Grahamsville,	"
Kerhonkson	H. A. Hendrickson, S.S	50	2	...	...	..	...	40	...	...	....	....	1	80	13	.....	325	Ellenville,	"
Mamakating	.....	25	...	...	5	..	1	54	...	...	....	....	1	77	35	.....	774 03	Wurtsboro,	"
Minnisink	Vacant	60	...	...	1	..	2	67	...	...	....	....	1	75	.....	.....	248	Montague,	N. J.
Montgomery	R. H. M'Cready	156	9	4	4	..	7	378	13	3	....	60	4	160	754 95	157 05	2,063 25	Montgomery,	N.Y.
Newburgh	.....	210	19	9	15	..	10	353	5	9	....	....	1	173	385 75	45	3,217 48	Newburgh,	"
New Hurley	George W. Scarlet	138	8	7	6	..	5	182	3	2	....	100	2	180	163 63	.....	1,447 97	New Hurley,	"
New Prospect	Edwin O. Moffett	109	7	6	3	..	3	185	1	1	...	195	2	195	180 29	88 08	1,371 90	Pine Bush,	"
Shawangunk	Robert V. Palmer	90	5	6	8	..	9	183	2	2	...	135	4	227	99 74	35 70	1,317 92	Bruynswick,	"
Unionville	William Coombs, S.S.	15	...	...	...	..	1	15	...	...	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	49	Grahamsville,	"
Walden	W. H. S Demarest, (S.C.)	146	11	2	4	..	4	301	9	3	...	150	1	233	565	170	2,600	Walden,	"
Wallkill Valley	Marion T. Conklin	93	9	5	8	..	2	141	...	10	....	....	1	156	116 30	10	1,776 59	Wallkill,	"
Walpack (Upper)	John M. Allen	75	3	1	...	..	...	69	2	2	....	....	2	110	27	20	696	Dingman's Ferry,	Pa.
Walpack (Lower)	Vacant	70	4	...	3	..	3	*108	3	2	....	....	2	120	20 92	15	329	Bushkill,	"
Wawarsing	Vacant	25	...	...	...	..	2	45	...	...	20	....	1	70	.....	.....	150	Napanoch,	N.Y.
	Total	2054	141	63	96	..	87	3464	77	62	276	865	39	3435	$3,902 09	$1,011 91	$26,485 51		

Other Ministers.—S. W. Mills, D.D., Port Jervis, N. Y.; John T. Demarest, D.D., New Brunswick, N. J.; John E. Bernart, Chester, N. Y.; William B. Darrach, Fishkill-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Candidates.—William Coombs, Grahamsville, N. Y.; A. M. Gliddon, Coshecton, Pa.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denomination'l Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson, (s.c.)	200	10	12	8	..	11	528	4	5	..	....	1	354	$1,738 93	$1,612 93	$4,099 32	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second, Poughkeepsie	Wm. Bancroft Hill	140	8	32	9	..	7	320	2	1	....	....	1	141	1,270	1,049	9,643	" "
Fishkill	Benj. E. Dickhaut	88	2	8	14	..	2	195	2	2	....	80	2	148	295 06	79 63	2,484 82	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	.....	95	3	4	4	..	6	245	5	2	....	....	5	223	86 08	7 12	1,136 42	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	Wm. A. Dumont	88	22	8	5	..	3	*145	7	16	....	....	4	200	280 02	29	†1,396	New Hackensack, "
Hyde Park	John F. Shaw	67	....	1	....	..	2	112	3	....	....	....	1	65	64 56	....	1,231 06	Hyde Park, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	Charles W. Fritts,	125	17	11	11	..	5	300	4	12	....	....	1	198	819 26	102 80	3,363 86	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Rhinebeck	J. Howard Suydam	120	3	2	....	..	5	189	....	....	....	....	1	125	373 74	25 50	1,328 74	Rhinebeck, "
Glenham	Peter S. Beekman	40	4	3	3	..	2	*87	5	2	....	75	1	91	91 60	13 89	732 12	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Edw. J. Runk	30	4	2	1	..	3	46	2	2	6	35	1	48	72	.. ..	705 79	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	J. Edward Lyall	95	58	8	....	..	1	158	4	22	73	....	3	188	382 64	....	1,798 94	Millbrook, "
	Total	1088	111	91	55	..	47	2325	38	64	79	190	21	1781	$5,473 89	$2,919 87	$27,920 07	

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. A. Mattice, Pine Plains, N. Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, 26 Reade St., New York City; Rev. H. Pater, Hawthorne, N. J.; Rev. F. F. Wilson, Asbury Park, N. J.; Rev. Philip W. Pitcher, Amoy, China.

* Revised list.

† $300 of this a bequest.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Bronxville	Peter M. MacQueen	30	4	6	2	...	...	73	4	...	....	50	1	59	$140	$48	$1,115	Bronxville, Westchester Co.
Cortlandtown	Francis M. Bogardus	110	18	...	2	..	1	112	6	5	....	....	2	200	50	.....	1,567	Montrose, " N. Y.
Fordham	Wm. F. Anderson	100	7	8	1	..	1	160	6	1	....	...	2	225	1,114	57	5,336	Fordham, N. Y. City, "
Greenburgh	G. A. T. Goebel	40	2	...	...	...	1	30	1	...	..	...	1	55	22	.....	776	Elmsford, Westchester Co.
Greenville	Joseph A. Harper	42	...	3	...	...	1	61	5	...	....	....	1	38	30	.....	2,146	Mt. Vernon, " N. Y.
Hastings	James A. Norris	81	...	11	4	..	2	110	2	...	....	....	1	93	144	23	1,372	Hastings on Hudson, "
Melrose	George H. Miller	*63	...	...	...	...	...	*117	...	...	....	....	1	*500	.....	.....	*3,170	Elton Ave. & 156th St., N. Y. C.
Mount Vernon	C. K. Clearwater (s.c.)	130	12	12	4	..	4	306	3	...	75	125	1	250	451	110	4,910	Mt. Vernon, West. Co., N. Y.
Peekskill	Henry DeVries	90	2	...	...	...	3	134	3	1	37	....	1	110	84	58	3,701	Peekskill, " "
First, Tarrytown	John K. Allen	115	10	11	6	..	5	271	2	2	....	....	1	231	625	367	3,422	Tarrytown, " "
Second, Tarrytown	E. E. Thomas	95	7	3	9	..	4	185	2	2	20	....	1	102	186	37	2,056	" " "
Unionville	Jas. Jongeneel	41	4	1	4	..	3	70	1	...	20	....	1	60	53	.....	910	Neperan, " "
West Farms	L. Curry Andrew	40	3	..	...	...	...	39	2	2	....	....	1	135	56	75	1,305	1295 Woodruff St., N. Y. City
Yonkers	David Cole	155	9	18	13	1	6	420	12	4	130	....	2	500	758	340	5,248	Yonkers, West. Co., N. Y.
	Total	1132	78	73	45	1	31	2078	49	17	282	175	17	2558	$3,723	$1,115	$37,094	

Other Ministers.—Rev. John A. Todd, Rev. George Rockwell, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Rev. William Brush, Morristown, N. J.; Rev. L. H. Van Dyck, 1057 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn; Rev. W. W. Rand, Secretary American Tract Society, 150 Nassau St., N. Y.; Rev. Howard Harris, Foreign Missionary, Japan; Rev. Wm. S. Moore, Neperan, N. Y.; Rev. Wm. E. Turner, Elmsford, N. Y.

Candidate.—Henry J. Bogardus, M. D., Jersey City, N. J.

* Last year's report.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1892.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Number of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS			STATED CLERKS.
				Rec'd												Benevolent.			
				On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomination'l Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Arcot	23	18	1613	124	107	122	30	44	1821	284	131	2611	1543	108	4034	$458	.....	$602	Rev. John Scudder.
Hudson	11	9	1164	76	32	183	...	34	2007	33	30	77	580	21	2086	3,594	$1,120	17,629	" J. W. Vaughan.
Kingston	15	12	1467	137	58	70	2	60	2780	115	47	711	468	29	2987	2,228	693	19,211	" Wm. W. Schomp.
North Long Island	24	26	2325	219	152	128	...	96	4027	502	33	233	792	29	7187	6,774	806	96,462	" W. H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island	20	32	2473	336	282	121	1	57	4559	259	41	1049	1595	30	6840	11,749	13,042	64,034	" J.S.Gardner(Act.)
New York	21	42	3519	609	265	231	3	133	8442	568	79	966	3550	35	10282	52,273	23,489	96,571	" Wm. Vaughan.
Orange	23	18	2054	141	63	96	..	87	3464	77	62	276	865	39	3435	3,902	1,011	26,485	" W.H.S.Demarest.
Poughkeepsie	11	16	1088	111	91	55	...	47	2325	38	64	79	190	21	1781	5,473	2,919	27,920	" A. P. Van Giesen.
Westchester	14	22	1132	78	73	45	1	31	2078	49	17	282	175	17	2558	3,723	1,115	37,034	" C. K. Clearwater.
Total	162	195	16835	1831	1123	1051	37	579	31503	1925	504	6284	9758	319	41190	$80,174	$44,195	$385,548	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by Sub-committees on the Minutes of each Classis as follows, and the reports were severally accepted and adopted:

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Hudson report that they find them neatly and correctly kept. The answers to the constitutional questions showed that all answered "yes" to all the questions except the Church of Greenport, which answered "no" to the second question. Four of the ten churches have contributed to all the Boards, two have contributed to six of the Boards, two to five, one to four and one to two. The church of Philmont was without representation in the Classis.

WM. H. BOOCOCK,
N. S. KING.

Classis of Kingston. Your Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Kingston would report that they have examined the records of that Classis. The answers to the constitutional inquiries show that out of fifteen churches nine do not have the regular explanation of the Heidelberg catechism, three neglect the catechising of the children and the instruction of the youth, one is without family visitation, two omit *censura morum* and only three contribute to all of the Boards and funds of the church.

Article II, Section 15, of the Constitution appears to have been violated on January 28th, 1892, when a pastoral relation was dissolved, and the minister himself given a letter of dismission to another Classis by a standing committee, the same taking effect nearly two months before and without the official knowledge of Classis.

G. EDWIN TALMAGE,
FRANCIS BACON,
Committee.

North Classis of Long Island.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the North Classis of Long Island report that they have examined the Minutes of the Classis and find them to be accurately and carefully kept.

WM. W. CLARK, *Chairman.*

South Classis of Long Island.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the South Classis of Long Island have examined the same and find them correctly kept. The twenty-three churches of the Classis answer the constitutional questions as follows: Seven answer yes to all the questions, two answer no to question 2, four answer no to question 3, only eight answer yes to question 7. Two churches, St. Thomas' and Ridgewood, fail to answer any of the questions. We would commend the Classis for heeding the recommendation of Synod by adding an eighth question, referring to students studying for the ministry.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. W. SCHOMP,
C. L. HARDENBERG.

Classis of New York.—The Committee to examine the Minutes of the Classis of New York would respectfully report that they have examined the books and deem it inexpedient to enumerate to Synod any points of possible amendment or correction unless it be that there was an ordination to the ministry at a special meeting of the Classis, November 6th, 1891, at which a quorum of elders was not present, as required by Article VII, Sections 1 and 2, of the Rules of Order or Constitution of the church.

EDWARD J. RUNK,
C. C. MOORE,
Committee.

Classis of Orange.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Orange hereby report that such

an examination has taken place and that the Minutes were found very neatly and correctly kept.

Respectfully submitted,

MORTIMER SMITH,
SAMUEL KEELER.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie are unable to find the Minutes and so have no report to present.

H. HAGEMAN, *Chairman.*

Classis of Westchester.—The Committee on the Classical Minutes of Classis of Westchester beg leave to report that they have examined the Minutes and find nothing to which to call the attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

R. V. PALMER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Resolved, That we endorse all wise measures looking to the overthrow of the evils which have long prevailed in connec-

tion with the municipal government of New York city, and that we invoke the Divine blessing upon such as are engaged in the present religious crusade.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to by Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon, after the organization, was passed in devotional exercises, led by the Vice-President.

The first half hour of the Wednesday morning session was also spent in devotional exercises, led by the President.

The communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the evening of the first day, immediately after the Synodical sermon. The form was read by the President of Synod. The bread was arranged to be administered by the Rev. Charles K. Clearwater, and the cup by the Rev. Joseph Millett. The distribution of the elements was made by the Elders, John Lefferts and John Graham.

The bar of the house was defined.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of arrangements be appointed to select those who are to conduct the religious exercises; to fix the hours of meeting and adjournment; the time for the reading of the papers and the hearing of the representatives of the Boards; of which the pastor of the church shall be consulting member.

The President appointed to serve on this committee Revs. W. W. Clark and B. A. Bartholf, and Elders N. S. King and John Lefferts.

The committee reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Synodical Sermon and the Communion Services as recorded and provided by the Rules of Order. The Rev. H. M. Cox to read his exegesis on John 20:17 during the hour of devotional exercises on Tuesday afternoon. The paper by Rev. Madison C. Peters to be read on Wednesday morning. The Rev. Dr. D. J. Burrell to present the subject of Domestic Missions, and the Rev. Dr. C. L. Wells that of Foreign Missions, at the said session, also, between 10 and 11 o'clock; the hour for adjournment on Tuesday afternoon, to be 5.30 P. M.; on Wednesday morning, 12.30 P. M. The services on Tuesday evening to begin at 7.30, and the session on Wednesday afternoon (if any) at 2.30.

The papers having been read, and the representatives of the Boards having been heard,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Synod be extended to the Revs. C. L. Wells and D. J. Burrell for their stirring addresses, and also to the Revs. H. M. Cox and M. C. Peters for the valuable papers read.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations be requested to nominate two persons to prepare papers on assigned subjects, to be read at the next regular session of the Synod.

The Committee reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Nominations report that they have appointed the following persons to prepare papers on such subjects as they may deem best, to be presented at the next regular session of Synod: Rev. J. M. Farrar, of Brooklyn, primarius; Rev. B. E. Dickhaut, of Fishkill, secundus; Rev. J. H. Suydam, of Rhinebeck, primarius; Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, of Walden, secundus.

W. W. CLARK, *Chairman.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. J. Henry Enders, the Synodical Superintendent for Domestic Missions of the Particular Synod of Albany, be accorded the privilege of working within the bounds of this Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies (450) of the Minutes of this session of Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. Alexander Miller, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Lake Mahopac, N. Y., be invited to sit with us as a corresponding member, with the courtesies of the floor.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Synod be hereby tendered to the pastor, the Consistory, the choir and ladies of the South Bushwick Reformed Church for the unbounded hospitality extended to the members of Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer presented the following account, which was referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Account, and their report, which was accepted and adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on the Treasurer's Account report that they have examined the Treasurer's Account with the vouchers, and find them correct, and that there is a balance due the Synod of $153.22.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. ZABRISKIE,
E. J. RUNK,
FRANZ HARTIG,
C. L. HARDENBERG,
L. R. LADD,
A. W. NEWMAN.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with
THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Treasurer.*

1891.	Dr.	
May 9.	To Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for stationery and postage	$3 85
" 9.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for traveling expenses	1 50
" 9.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for doorkeeper at Tarrytown	5
" 9.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for salary as Stated Clerk for year ending May 1st, 1892	100
Nov. 18.	" Cash paid Hosford & Sons for 450 copies Minutes of 1891	146 50
1892.		
May 3.	" Cash Balance due Synod to new account	153 22
		$410 07

1891.	Cr.	
May 5.	By Cash. Balance from old account	$75 07
Aug. 14.	" Cash from Nathan S. King, M.D., Treasurer Classis of Westchester	32
" 17.	" Cash from Rev. J. R. Duryee, Treasurer Classis of New York	65
" 29.	" Cash from R. M. Shepard, Esq., Treasurer Classis of Hudson	24
Oct. 15.	" Cash from Rev. Wm. W. Schomp, Treasurer Classis of Kingston	34
Dec. 5.	" Cash from Rev. George W. Scarlet, Treasurer Classis of Orange	53
" 30.	" Cash from Rev. R. G. Strong, Treasurer South Classis of Long Island	50
1892.		
Mar. 21.	" Cash from Herman W. Shook, Esq., Treasurer North Classis of Long Island	51
" 23.	" Cash from Rev. H. P. Van Gieson, D.D., Treasurer Classis of Poughkeepsie	26
		$410 07

E. E. NEW YORK, May 3d, 1892.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER,
Treasurer.

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF THIS SYNOD SINCE THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTICULAR SYNODS, 1870–1892.

DATE.	PRESIDENT.	PLACE.
1870—	Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D.	Yonkers.
1871—	Rev. Goyn Talmage	Flushing.
1872—	Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D.	Rhinebeck.
1873—	Rev. John A. Todd, D.D.	Tarrytown (1st).
1874—	Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D.	Poughkeepsie (2d).
1875—	Rev. John McC. Holmes, D.D.	Brooklyn (1st).
1876—	Rev. David Inglis, D.D.	Port Jervis.
1877—	Rev. Joachim Elmendorf	Yonkers.
1878—	Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D.D.	Newburgh.
1879—	Rev. Charles I. Shepard	Greenpoint.
1880—	Rev. William Ormiston, D.D.	Mount Vernon.
1881—	Rev. David Cole, D.D.	Montgomery.
1882—	Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck	Jamaica, L. I.
1883—	Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D.	Brighton Heights, S. I.
1884—	Rev. David N. Vanderveer	New York (South).
1885—	Rev. Herman C. Berg	Yonkers.
1886—	Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.	Newburgh.
1887—	Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D.D., M. D.	Claverack.
1888—	Rev. William H. Gleason, D.D.	Kingston.
1889—	Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D.	Poughkeepsie (1st).
1890—	Rev. Lewis Francis	N. Y. City (48 St. Col.)
1891—	Rev. James Demarest, D.D.	Tarrytown (1st).
1892—	Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye, D.D	Brooklyn (South Bushwick)

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THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE BLOOMINGDALE REFORMED CHURCH OF NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., ON THE 2D OF MAY, 1893, AT 3 O'CLOCK, P. M., AND ADJOURNED AT 1 O'CLOCK, P. M., OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE SESSION.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by the retiring President, the Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye, D.D., in whose enforced absence, the Rev. David J. Burrell, D.D., at his request, preached the sermon before Synod, on the evening of the first day of the session, from Mark 15: 32, "Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.—Ministers—

Classis of Hudson.—Ministers—W. W. Whitney, Edmund G. Ackerman, J. Walter Vaughan, *Elders*—John H. Patrie, A. P. Pitcher, Cornelius Hallenbeck.

Classis of Kingston.—Ministers—John L. McNair, J. N. Morris, Samuel T. Searle, Herman Hageman. *Elders*—Charles Parsons, J. L. Snyder.

North Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—John Baumeister, Edgar Tilton, Jr., C. D. F. Steinführer. *Elders*—Walter Greenough, James Ryder, J. H. Rott.

South Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—Jesse W. Brooks, Ph.D., Herman C. Berg, D.D., James M. Farrar, D.D. *Elders*—C. L. Rickerson.

Classis of New York.—Ministers—William Vaughan, J. Elmendorf, D. D., P. S. Hulbert, John H. Oerter, D. D. *Elders*—R. N. Perlee, Richard Stout, J. C. Mastin.

Classis of Orange.—Ministers—Geo. W. Scarlet, Edwin O. Moffett, Robert H. McCready. *Elders*———

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Ministers—Benjamin E. Dickhaut, Edward J. Runk, Wm. Bancroft Hill. *Elder*—J. A. Van Wagner.

Classis of Westchester.—Minister—G. A. T. Gobel. *Elder*—Francis Bacon.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. John L. McNair was chosen President, and the Rev. Benjamin E. Dickhaut, Vice-President. The Revs. P. S. Hurlbert and Edgar Tilton were chosen Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST.

The Minutes of the Session of 1892 were read and the printed record of them approved. The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were the Standing Committees:

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.—*Ministers*—James M. Farrar, C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, J. W. Vaughan. *Elders*—A. P. Pitcher, Charles Parsons, James Ryder.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.—*Arcot.*— —— —— *Hudson.*—Rev. G. W. Scarlet. *Elder*—J. L. Snyder. *Kingston.*—Rev. John Baumeister. *Elder*—Francis Bacon. *North Long Island.*—Rev. J. N. Morris. *Elder*—A. P. Pitcher. *South Long Island.*—Rev. E. J. Runk. *Elder*—R. N. Perlee. *New York.*—Rev. R. H. McCready. *Elder*—T. A. Van Wagner. *Orange.*—Rev. E. G. Ackerman. *Elder*—T. A. Van Wagner. *Poughkeepsie*—Rev. G. A. T. Gobel. *Elder*—J. C. Mastin. *Westchester*—Rev. H. Hageman. *Elder*—J. H. Patrie.

ON CLASSICAL REPORTS, OR THE STATE OF RELIGION.—*Ministers*—J. W. Brooks, Wm. Bancroft Hill, C. O. Moffett. *Elders*—Cornelius Hallenbeck, C. L. Rickerson, Francis Bacon.

ON THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.—*Ministers*—H. C. Berg, E. J. Runk, J. M. Morris. Elders—R. N. Perlee, Walter Greenough, Richard Stout.

ON OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—*Ministers*—Robert H. McCready, W. W. Whitney, S. T. Searle. *Elders*—J. L. Snyder, J. H. Patrie, J. H. Rott.

ON NOMINATIONS. — *Ministers*—J. Elmendorf, H. Hageman, G. W. Scarlet. *Elders*—James Ryder, R. N. Perlee, J. C. Mastin.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, informing Synod that the Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D. D., had been duly appointed by said Board to represent it before this Synod at the present session.

Referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, informing Synod that the Rev. J. Preston Searle had been appointed to represent said Board at this session of the Synod.

Referred to Committee of Arrangements.

The Stated Clerk presented for the consideration of the Synod a circular from the Rev. E. T. Corwin, D. D., containing a description of the "Centennial Digest of the Legislation of the General Synod," and suggested the advisability of securing a copy for the use of Particular Synod. On motion it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to subscribe for one copy of Dr. Corwin's Centennial Digest for the use of this Synod: and

That appreciating the great service of Dr. Corwin in preparing the Centennial Digest, we recommend that each consistory, so far as possible, subscribe for at least one copy of said book.

A communication was received from the Rev. Alfred H. Brush, inviting this Synod in his own name and that of the consistory of the Reformed Church of New Utrecht, L. I., to meet in their church at its next regular session in 1894.

Accepted by the Synod with thanks.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully beg leave to report that they have examined the Minutes of the General Synod of 1892, and the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago, New Brunswick and New York, which have been referred to them, and that they find nothing in them requiring your especial attention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. FARRAR, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS OR THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on Classical Reports, or the State of Religion, reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

Your committee on the state of religion has examined the reports received from the nine Classes here represented.

It is gratifying to note the increase in benevolent offerings for Denominational Objects. Every Classis has made a substantial increase in its offerings, and the Boards of our Church have received during the past year from these nine Classes $115,302, in place of the $80,174 contributed the previous year. While this has been due, no doubt, to the special effort made to remove the debts upon our Boards, yet we feel encouraged to believe that our Churches are realizing more fully their privilege, and thus are entering upon a period of larger usefulness. The plan of systematic beneficence, adopted by our last General Synod, is already beginning to bear fruit, as is apparent in these reports.

The summary of the year's work shows a gain of three churches, of four ministers, and of 467 families; 2,022 have united with us upon confession of faith, over against 1,831 of last year. The four Classes which in this respect have improved the record of last year are New York, Westchester, North Long Island and Orange.

Many of our Churches have failed to report the number of "baptized non-communicants," and we fear that this betokens a disposition to neglect the baptized children who have been received under the care of the Church. Probably every consistory could, without difficulty, enumerate the "baptized non-communicants" whom they are carefully watching over: and if they do not intend to watch over the children we would seriously ask have they any right to receive them into the covenant of baptism?

We should not overlook another abuse which seems to have crept into our churches, and which is apparent upon a careful examination of the reports:

During the year, 2,022 have been received upon confession of faith, and 1,152 upon certificate, making a total gain of 3,174. On the other hand, 856 have been dismissed, 515 have died, and 30 placed under discipline, thus making a total loss of only 1,401.

This would indicate a net gain in membership of nearly 1,800: yet when we turn to the column of "total now in communion," we find only 472 more reported than one year ago. The real gain then seems to be 1½ per cent., not 5½ as would at first appear.

The fact that there are 1,300 whose mode of exit is not indicated, and who must have been dropped, though the matter is apparently of too little account to merit mention, is not a fake, but it is a challenge of the integrity of our Church life.

We conclude our report, dear brethren, by asking, in all seriousness, if it would not be a step in the right direction for us to restore to our Church her historic—her New Testament—authority to discipline her delinquent members?

The disposition so apparent to neglect the baptized non-communicants, and to drop from the Church roll four or five per cent. per annum of the membership, without indicating how or why, or even the fact that they were dropped, is not only unworthy of the history of the Church with which we are connected, and of the New Testament, which we love, but it is an impeachment of our own pastoral fidelity.

JESSE W. BROOKS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

We have met with a great loss in the death of Rev. Abraham William, in May last. He was a noble Christian and an earnest worker. His place will not be easily filled.

We have no great successes to report. Still, the work goes on. There has been an increase both in the number of adherents and communicants. The Classis was compelled to revoke the license granted to Samuel Paul Aiyavu, so his name does not appear on the list.

We hope and pray for greater success in the future, and trust the Church at home will not forget to pray for us.

JOHN SCUDDER, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

The Committee on the State of Religion reports as follows:

All the Churches appear to be in good spiritual and financial condition. There is a gain in membership over last

year of four only: $1,034 more have been raised this year for denominational objects, and $2,070 more for congregational purposes, than last year.

First, Claverack.—The work goes quietly and steadily on. The membership for the year shows a loss of one, notwithstanding there were seven additions. The special work of the year has been building a Memorial Chapel in the centre of the village for Sabbath school and prayer meeting purposes. $2,870 have been raised on the field during the year for the above object. The present pastor began his work the last Sabbath in June.

Mellenville.—The Church is hopeful, and feels that it has a work to do. It will be observed that there is a great falling off from the old Second Church of Claverack in every respect, but it must be borne in mind that the Classis has another Church on its list, and when the report from Philmont is compared with this, it will be seen that while we appear to be weaker, the Kingdom of God among us has really grown. Especially, it is evident that the benevolent and missionary work of the Church has not lost, but has rather gained by the division. Considering all things, the outlook is promising.

Gallatin.—The year marks the goodness of God. There has been started a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor which proved a great help in the church work. The ladies have organized a missionary society which is beginning a good work in many ways. The winter has been severe, roads sometimes next to impassable, yet the attendance has been as good as could be expected. The usual means have been used with all the earnestness possible. Normal growth is expected and a gradual ingathering.

Germantown.—The church is alive. The congregations are large and still increasing, especially the morning ones. There is being built an addition of good size to the basement for the better accommodation of the Sabbath School. The weekly prayer meetings are large.

Greenport.—All church services have been regularly attended, and faithfully performed. The week of prayer was observed; good interest manifest, but no special results. The past year has been one of great loss by death: the great pillars of the church, in all its past history, being unmoved; men whose influence, to lead and incite others to attend church services, and to support the church financially can never be estimated. There is a great need among us, for renewed spiritual life and consecration.

Hudson.—The regular Sabbath and week day services have been maintained with large attendance. The young people's societies and ladies' organizations keep up their efficiency. The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip is doing good work. The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition. A spirit of union prevails in the church. The benevolent work is healthful and promising.

Linlithgow.—The church is prospering both spiritually and financially. Our benevolence for the year has been affected somewhat by the death of a very liberal lady, and by a change from an old system to the envelope plan: the results of which are not wholly felt as yet, but we trust will be before the close of the year in increase and benevolence.

Livingston and Linlithgo.—The church is out of debt with money in the treasury. Harmony and brotherly love prevail. The attendance on public services has been good with increased interest. The prayer meetings are well attended. The Y. P. S. C. E. is prospering more than ever before. A series of meetings were held last winter with a quickening influence upon the church.

Philmont.—There is cause for thankfulness for the endowment of the spirit of liberality and for financial prosperity. Although new the church has acquired a good reputation among the sisterhood of churches. The Sabbath School is in a prosperous condition and the regular services of the church well sustained. A Y. P. S. C. E. has been organized and is in successful operation. A junior S. C. E. has been furnished and is doing good work. A woman's missionary

society has been organized and also a ladies aid society which has raised about $700 for the furnishing of a new house of worship. The church executed its appointment for both Foreign and Domestic missions, about $140, beside contributing about $125 to the debts of the Boards. A property has been purchased for a parsonage with ample ground for a church building, and a subscription is now being circulated for part payment of the same.

Upper Red Hook.—The attendance upon divine worship has been fair. The Y. P. S. C. E. meets regularly and enjoys some precious seasons. The Kings daughters gave a very successful entertainment in December for the benefit of the Christmas festival and the Sunday School library. The grace of liberality still abides. The apportionment for the debt of the Boards was raised and exceeded the contribution of the previous year. There are hopeful signs for conversion among some.

West Copake.—The past year has been a broken one on account of being without a pastor until the 1st of November when Rev. P. Furbeck accepted a unanimous call and began his work. The church services are now well attended. The week of prayer was observed. A Y. P. S. C. E. has been organized and has awakened a new interest in the church. The Sabbath School has been well attended all the year. The envelope system has been adopted. Unity and peace prevail, and there is an increased spirit of liberality.

The following ministerial changes have occurred :

The Rev. David M. Hunter, reeeived from Presbytery of New York, and installed as pastor of "Mellenville Church," May 12th, 1892.

The Rev. G. H. Burrill, received from North Berkshire Association of Congregational Ministers, and installed as pastor of "Claverack Church," July 6th, 1892.

The Rev. F. V. Van Vranken, received from Classis of Montgomery, and installed as pastor of "Philmont Church," Sept. 7th, 1892.

The Rev. Philip Furbeck, received from the Classis of Montgomery, and installed as pastor of "West Copake Church, Dec. 27th, 1892.

Respectfully,

MORTIMER SMITH, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The reports from the different Churches of the Classis of Kingston show a total of received on confession 102; 57 have been received on certificate; 69 have been dismissed; 2 suspended, and 49 have died. There are reported to be 2,719 members in communion. This is a little less than the number reported last year, owing, no doubt, to the fact that two churches, Hurley and Rochester, have revised their rolls.

The reports of contributions for Denominational objects and for Congregational purposes show a slight advance over last year's reports.

We regret to report the loss to our Classis of the Rev. W. W. Schomp, the Stated Clerk of the Classis, and pastor of the Churches of Marbletown and North Marbletown. Mr. Schomp is now settled over the Church of Athens, N. Y., in the Classis of Greene.

The Rev. Henry T. Jones has been installed over the Church of Dashville Falls.

The following is a synopsis of the reports of the individual churches:

Bloomingdale reports encouragement, an increasing spiritual interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Church and Sabbath School; 29 have been received on confession, the largest number reported by any church in the Classis.

The Clove.—This church has enjoyed another year of prosperity. The church has been characterized by a quiet and steady growth.

Dashville Falls reports encouragement and generally a cheering condition of things, even amid the many difficulties of the work.

Gardiner.—The new house of worship which the congregation is building is nearly completed and will soon be ready for use.

Guilford.—The past year has been one of seed-sowing, rather than of ingathering. All the ordinances of God have been duly administered. Many repairs and improvements have been made in their House of Worship.

Hurley.—The Word has been steadily preached, prayer meetings maintained, Sunday school instruction imparted. The pastor has been deeply bereaved in the death of his beloved wife.

Kingston, Fair St.—Only a small number have been received on confession. There is nothing of special interest to report. Various improvements have been made in the church building.

Krumville reports a sad year in the history of the Church. Many have died, among them two elders. The Pastor intends to resign, owing to his increasing years and infirmity.

Lyonsville.—This church, although vacant, is reported to be in a prosperous condition. Special evangelistic services have been held, and sixteen have come forward to make confession of their faith.

Marbletown.—Statistics only.

North Marbletown.—Statistics only.

New Paltz.—The year has been one of quiet prosperity. A new organ has been purchased and placed in the church.

Rochester.—Nothing of unusual interest has been reported. Religious services have been maintained with commendable interest.

Rosendale.—The Church is in a fairly prosperous condition. The regular services are well attended. A woman's missionary society has been organized.

St. Remy.—The work here has been carried on with increasing interest. Attendance upon services has been large. The Holy Spirit is present with us.

Respectfully submitted,

ABEL H. HUIZINGA, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee on the State of Religion has received consistorical reports from all the churches except North Hempstead.

There is little apparent change in the number of families and members as compared with last year; this however is owing to the revision of rolls and not to a lack of real progress throughout the churches of the Classis. Your Committee would especially call attention to the gains in membership and to the very large increase in Denominational and General Benevolence.

With two churches not yet reported, the amount raised for Denominational Benevolence is $7,898.88. Last year it was $6,774.05. The amount raised for other benevolent objects is $1;525.39 against $806.08, raised last year. Notwithstanding difficulties and discouragements that many of our churches meet and must continue yet for many years on Long Island owing to the rapid changes taking place in the population, we have still great reason to thank God and take courage.

The following are the more important items given in the several churches:

The Church of Jamaica reports services well attended, deep spiritual feeling manifested and additions to membership at each Communion Service. "The church property has been greatly improved by attention to much needed repairs—and

it is with heartfelt gratitude and praise to God that we record an increase in contributions to benevolent objects over those of last year to the extent of almost $500."

The Church at Newtown rejoices once more in a settled pastor, and in continued harmony in the congregation, and is encouraged by the increased Sabbath attendance and accessions to the membership of the church. General benevolence has increased, and the "contributions for denominational purposes have about doubled." The two Sabbath schools are in a prosperous condition, and the Christian Endeavor, Woman's Missionary, and other societies are materially aiding in the church work.

Oyster Bay "now in the 161st year of its corporate existence retains its vitality and carries on its work after the usual manner." Notwithstanding discouragement incident to change in population "there is a small numerical growth in membership, and in many cases an evident spiritual development." "The young people of the congregation "are zealous and and active in personal endeavor and spiritual life," and the outlook is hopeful.

Williamsburgh.—This church has during the year called to its pastorate the Rev. Augustus W. Mills who is now engaged in its service.

Astoria has met with severe losses by death and removal during the past year, and yet in the midst of these and other difficulties, labors on not unrewarded nor unencouraged. "We point with satisfaction to much good work accomplished. Large congregations, though rapidly changing ones, listen to the Word of God. Nearly $4,000 have been contributed this year, and all the Boards of the Church have been remembered."

Flushing sends a cheerful report. During the year the new church edifice and chapel have been completed, the church being dedicated November 7th, 1892. The services have been well attended, "with increasing congregations, and the Church is recognized more and more as a power for

good in the community." Although engaged in the erection of a new building, Church and benevolence have not been neglected. Another Sabbath school has been established, and earnest effort is being put forth to reach the non-church going part of the community.

Greenpoint.—Though called to sustain heavy loss by death and removal, has added to its membership and increased its benevolent gifts by some hundreds of dollars beyond any previous year in its history. "The mission work is steadily gaining in strength and importance, and is justifying the wisdom of the large outlay in providing for it a suitable building." The home school mourns the death of a beloved superintendent, who rendered efficient service for more than eighteen years.

South Bushwick reports that "the various organizations of the Church are doing good work for the Master," and that there has been a decided development of the mission spirit among the ladies and in the Society of Christian Endeavor.

Second Astoria. During the year, the *Second Church of Astoria* celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of its Church edifice and the silver jubilee of the present pastorate. The services have been well attended, the offerings for missionary purposes have been increased, the Sabbath school flourishes, the other organizations of the Church continue their activity, and good work is being done for the Master.

East Williamsburgh is striving in the midst of an ever changing population and many difficulties to faithfully accomplish its mission as a Church of Jesus Christ.

Queens.—Notwithstanding the relinquishment of several families, necessitated by the establishment of new churches, the *Church of Queens* finds itself as strong as it was a year ago. The prayer meeting is more largely attended, a Christian Endeavor Society has been established, and the chapel at Hyde Park has been organized into a Reformed Church, while all the work of the Church during the year has been well sustained.

German Ev., Brooklyn, is not as strong financially as in years past, due to the fact of the crowding in off Judaism. Still we are thankful that the Lord has been with us. The Sabbath school and the various societies of the Church are active and prosperous.

Sayville rejoices at the blessing of the Lord.— A Christian Endeavor society has been orgauized; $500 have been paid of the debt on the church property, and the Rev. Jno. Hoffman has been invited to become its pastor, and has signified his determination to accept its call.

Locust Valley exists upon her own local resources in spite of "the unfavorable attitude of the surrounding population." The Sabbath school is in a prosperous condition, and it is hoped that the persistent efforts there put forth will result in the upbuilding of the Church in the near future.

College Point. While the work at College Point has been along established lines, with no especially striking features, comparison with previous years shows considerable spiritual and temporal progress.

First, Long Island City, is thankful for the harmony and spirit of faithful service which have prevailed. The Sabbath school and various meetings are well maintained. Missionary contributions have been increased, and $250 raised toward defraying debt on parsonage.

Old Bushwick reports increase all around: the prayer meetings are more largely attended, liberal collections have been taken for the Boards of Missions, Woman's Home, and Foreign Missionary Society, and a Christian Endeavor Society of fifty members have been organized, while "the roll of the Sabbath school has in reality doubled, both as regards teachers and scholars."

German Evangelical, Jamaica, acknowledges the kindly Providence with them during the past year, and reports that the services have been well attended, and the various organizations of the Church have met with marked success.

Hicksville has been blessed during the year with a signal outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Forty have united with the Church, peace and prosperity reign, and the Sabbath school room is too small to accommodate its members.

Steinway, though small, is growing in numbers, and the people are united in their work. The Sabbath school now numbers about four hundred. The Young People's Society and the ladies are doing a valuable work, and the future is promising.

Church of Jesus has made considerable progress during the past year, but in order to carry on its work successfully among the large German population within its reach, it needs a suitable church building.

May the Lord move the hearts of many to help it to attain this end.

The following ministerial changes have taken place:

The Rev. Wm. H. Ford was dismissed to the Presbytery of Brooklyn, April 19th, 1892, but not included in the report of last year: Rev. Dr. W. R. Gordon was received from the Classis of Bergen, June 13th, 1892. The licentiate, T. Calvin McClelland, Ph. D., was received from the Presbytery of New York, June 20th, 1892, ordained to the Gospel Ministry and installed pastor of the Reformed Church of Bushwick July 11th, 1892. Howard W. Ennis was licensed to preach the Gospel June 20th, 1892, and was ordained to the Gospel Ministry and installed pastor of the Reformed Church of Newtown, November 10th, 1892. The Rev. Augustus W. Mills, after examination, was received from the Methodist Episcopal Church, December 28th, 1892, and installed pastor of the Reformed Church of Williamsburgh January 17th, 1893. The pastoral relation existing between the Reformed Church of Hempstead and the Rev. A. A. Zabriskie was dissolved December 1st, 1892, and the brother was dismissed to the South Classis of Bergen, January 26th, 1893. The Rev.

Charles I. Shepard, D. D., was dismissed to the Classis of Bergen, March 20th, 1893. The Rev. Edward P. Terhune, D.D., was dismissed to the Manhattan Association [Congregational] March 31st, 1893.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. BARR, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submit the following report:

Reports from the various churches within the bounds of Classis have been received, and have been carefully read and pondered. While the prevailing tone is one of encouragement, because of a general prosperity, these reports, in our opinion, indicate no marked change in the conditions of Church life from those of other recent years. As you are aware, the reports are two-fold: partly statistical, furnishing series of figures; partly verbal, conveying the sentiments of the consistories induced by a survey of the experiences of the year just closed. Statistics have their use, especially where figures do not lie. They do not ordinarily lie when they represent dead or inanimate units. But when they represent living beings, and especially human beings, and still more especially men and women upon whom the Spirit is supposed to have descended, then figures may be somewhat misleading. They should, therefore, be received with some caution, and are not to be allowed to give rise either to an undue elation, or to a too hasty disheartenment, if they should be above or below our expectations. We turn, on the other hand, with more confidence—as furnishing more certain criteria of the state of religion among our churches—to the remarks accompanying each set of statistics, which, in a manner, interpret the deeper meaning of the figures. We present of these the following rather full summary, which shall speak for itself, and from which we trust will be gathered a proper understanding of the interior life and activity of each church.

First, Reformed. No remarks.

Centennial Chapel. No remarks.

Flatbush reports that in reviewing the past we have by the goodness of our Heavenly Father, had a year of prosperity. We have increased in numbers both by confession and certificate, and have lost none by dismission. But death has removed four from among us. The aged and middle aged saints have been taken to their reward, and since the last report the Rev. Robert G. Strong, although not an actual member, but resident among us and active in the cause of Christ with us, has been called away and is at rest with his Saviour. The report further testifies to the faithful preaching of the Gospel, including the regular exposition of the the Catechism. The prayer meetings have been full of blessing to those who attended, but a larger number of such attendants is much desired. The Sunday School is as flourishing as ever, nor have the people fallen behind in their zeal for benevolence, as all the Boards have received their aid. We bless God's name for His goodness, the report concludes, and consecrate ourselves anew to His work.

Grace Chapel echoes the note of thankfulness rising from the heart of the mother church. While we cannot report large accessions in membership, or unusual activity in any department of church work, we have more than held our own, and there has been, we think, a steady growth in the Christian character of the members. Obstacles to church advancement seem to lie principally in the way of physical conditions or material surroundings, but as the people are confidently looking forward to the possession ere long of a new building, of which the corner stone is now laid, much brighter prospects in this direction are opening. Sunday School, Prayer Meeting, and Christian Endeavor Society, are all doing satisfactory work. A normal Class has been organized by the pastor, for the better training of teachers.

New Utrecht remarks that a steady interest has been taken in sustaining and promoting the cause of religion. The church notices with encouragement a general prospetity.

Benevolent causes in and out of the church have received large contributions. but your committee observes with pleasure that the gifts outside sustain a very small proportion towards those for denominational purposes. It seems a wise and not too selfish principle in such matters to let charity begin at home. The special interest with us, continues the report, has been the erection of a large and serviceable chapel, for the requirements of our church and Sunday School, The building is now completed and paid for, and will soon be dedicated. The church mourns the death of Mr. Andrew Hegeman, for many years the superintendent of the Sunday School, and well known to the members of this Classis."

Gravesend reports: "Means of grace well sustained. Benevolence not quite up to the high water mark, but every cause enumerated in the constitution has received a contribution. Our spiritual state is hopeful, though no marked evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit has been noted. Our additions have been steady and we rejoice in peace in every department of the Lord's work. We have disposed of our church property and have located elsewhere, and shall enter upon the work of church improvement as soon as the spring opens."

Flatlands says: "With gratitude to God the Church of Flatlands reports another year of quiet, steady work. One of the weekly prayer meetings has had an unusually large attendance. The Women's Missionary Society is exerting a stronger influence, and all branches of church work exhibit a healthy growth."

New Lots says: "We have reason to be encouraged as a Church. God has answered prayer in the conversion of some, and in the quickening of others. The Sabbath school reports a numerical gain of one hundred over last year. A Junior Society of Christian Endeavor has recently been organized." With an outburst of triumphant hope, based on the most practical considerations, the report concludes:

"With our entire church property in perfect repair, and with no debt on it, and being well organized for work, with God's blessing we expect great things in the future."

East New York modestly observes: "The past year has been one of quiet progress in all the different departments of our Church work. By a more systematic effort we have been enabled to double the offerings that were made last year for the Missionary Boards of our Church. The organization of a Boys' Society of Christian Endeavor [limited to those between the ages of ten and fifteen], and of a Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip [for young men over fifteen], are greatly helping us in solving the difficult problem of reaching and holding the young men."

South Brooklyn reports with deep gratitude a year of blessing and growth. A rapid development of the city in its neighborhood opens wide opportunities. The audiences have increased at both services: the meetings for prayer have been warm and spiritual. The Sunday school and Christian Endeavor Societies have grown in number and interest. The people have given heartily and liberally to the various objects of denominational and local work.

Twelfth Street. The consistory says: "We report a faithful ministration of the Word, and the evidences of its effect in regular accessions to the membership upon each communion season, harmony and united effort to advance all the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom in our midst, and good attendance upon the regular church services, both Sabbath and week day. We thank God for his goodness to us in the past, and have faith and hopefulness for the future."

North Reformed. No report.

Church-on-the-Heights simply reports that the pastor has been absent nearly all the year on account of ill health. This circumstance has, of course, sadly interfered with its progress.

Bethany Chapel has also been without a pastor, its pulpit being vacant. It rejoices in a legacy of $1,000, left to it by the late E. J. Denison, Esq.

New Brooklyn reports a good condition temporally. "We were able to pay off some of our indebtedness and to increase our benevolence. The morning service is well attended. In all the branches of church work there is activity, but we feel the need and pray for the influence of the Holy Spirit in the hearts."

Flatbush, Second, announces: "The membership list has been revised, and with God's grace guiding us we hope and are quite expectant of the ensuing year. The population is increasing rapidly, especially will it be so in the German population." In regard to contributions, the pastor explains that since he was installed he has labored to awaken an interest in missions, and has distributed "family missionary boxes," although to his grief there are no figures to be inserted in the benevolence columns. The spiritual condition of the Church, however, notwithstanding this startling deficiency, and contrary to the expectations that might be based on it, is declared to be good.

Canarsie's report sounds a note of praise and thanksgiving and is replete with hope and encouragement. It says: "We thank the Lord for all the blessings he has bestowed upon us in the past year. Since we have an installed pastor we have made considerable progress under his leadership. Every one is doing his best to make the congregation prosper. Sunday services and the weekly prayer meetings are better attended than before. The Sunday school is in good working order. In the congregation peace and harmony exist. To God alone be the honor."

Bedford.—With the peroration of Paul's great speech before Agrippa and Festus upon their lips, "continuing unto this day, witnessing both to small and great," the people of

this Church declare that "in such relations to the everlasting Gospel as the grace of God has enabled us to maintain, we have completed another year of Church life. To Him be all praises given, and be it ours to suffer and to do all His holy will."

St. Thomas, West Indies, says that the Word of God has been preached regularly; the prayer meeting has been held each week, and the meetings have been well attended. The Sunday school and the two Mission schools are in prosperous condition. The ladies of the church and congregation have proved themselves willing and consecrated workers.

Ocean Hill is enabled to report "the continuance of perfect harmony in church life, a continued interest in the preached Gospel, and the usual activity in all the departments of church work. The Lord has been with us and we set up a stone of remembrance. His promises to us are realizing, and this inspires us with sure hope for the future."

Edgewood reports that it rejoices in progress and advancement along all the lines of church work. While the number of families has remained the same there has been a growth in the church membership. The Sunday School has increased in numbers and in benevolence. The Christian Endeavor and the Ladies' Aid societies have rendered great assistance in spiritual and material things. A church paper called *The Edgewood Echo*, has been started, and much good is expected from its publication.

Ridgewood.—No remarks.

Greenwood Heights reports: "While we have been without a regular ordained pastor, the Rev. J. T. Bergen, of the South Reformed Church, has kindly assisted us in officiating at our Communion and Baptismal services. The further prospect for the growth of this church is good. Protestant families are moving into the neighborhood and attend our services. We need a pastor who can perform all duties that pertain to the office of a minister."

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The Robert G. Strong, Stated Clerk of the Classis, died on April 22, 1892; the Rev. John M. Van Buren, died on May 8, 1892. The Rev. John Talmadge Bergen was received from the Classis of Michigan, and installed pastor of the South Reformed Church on April 26, 1892. Mr. John H. Jensen was received as licentiate from the Presbytery of Newark, on June 28, 1892. On July 17, thereafter, he was ordained, and installed as pastor of Second Flatbush. Mr. John Ficken became a member of Classis on June 28, 1892. He was ordained and installed as pastor of the Church of Canarsie on July 24, thereafter. Mr. J. J. Burkart was received as a licentiate from the Classis of New Brunswick, on December 5, 1892.

DANIEL VAN PELT,
Chairman.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

Your Committee on the State of Religion rejoice to be able to report so favorably. With deep gratitude to God, do we note an increase in the number of persons received into the membership of the Churches of about thirty-five per cent. more than were received last year; also, an increase in Benevolence of about twenty-five per cent., and an increase in amount raised for Congregational purposes.

In the twenty-three churches of the Classis we find 2,019 families, with 3,632 communicants. Baptized during the year: infants, 79; adults, 85; number of Sunday schools, 35; total enrollment, 3,332. For Benevolence, the churches have contributed to the different Boards and funds of the church, $4,885.54; for other objects, $983.14; for Congregational purposes, $29,251.23.

This is a year's work of which the Classis need not be ashamed. Much good, faithful work has manifestly been done, for which we all rejoice and give God the glory for the good accomplised.

REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES.

Berea thankfully reports progress both spiritually and materially. Repairs to the extent of $700 have been put on the exterior of the church. Twelve have been added to the membership of the church. The report adds: "The field is limited in opportunities of work, but there is work to be done. A Friday night prayer meeting which has had poor success heretofore, has been maintained."

Bloominsburgh says: The year has been one of steady progress though not of rapid growth. We are able to report an increased interest in all lines of work. Missionary collections have increased. Our chapel has been furnished and painted, and the future looks hopeful. For all this we praise the Lord—to whom be the glory now and forever. Amen."

Callicoon.—Only the regular statistical report.

Claraville.—The church has been undergoing repairs and on account of the severe winter no services have been held there this winter, but expect to hold regular services this spring.

Cuddebackville.—No remarks.

Deerpark presents the banner report of all the churches in the Classis. Received into the membership of the church on Confession, 48; on Certificate, 19; dismissed, 8; died, 4; thus increasing the membership by 55 during the year. Many changes are noted in the hour of different services; the church reports peace and prosperity; an increase of over $200 in benevolences. Pledges obtained to fully cover a debt of $5,400 that has rested for several years on our church, of which amount $2,935 have already been paid. The year closed with a balance in the church treasury. The Woman's Missionary Society has been reorganized. The Church Hymnary has been introduced and is meeting with great favor. The Y. P. S. C. E. have done a good work at the Riverside Mission. We pray for a continuance of God's blessing.

Ellenville is glad to report so favorably and says: "Perhaps the church was never more thoroughly organized, and all its organizations are doing good work. The assessments of the Boards are about met: the church ends the year with expenses more than covered: the spirit of Missions and Temperance is on the gain. In the field are many almost persuaded. We are hopeful in God."

Fallsburgh reports: "Nothing to call for special remark. The usual work of the church has been carried on. The chapel at Fallsburgh Station has been dedicated within the year free of debt, and is now used for afternoon services. The Sunday schools at the church and the chapel have been continued during the winter. Contributions have been made during the year for all the Boards and Funds: also a contribution somewhat in excess of the amount assigned us for the debt of the Mission Boards."

Grahamsville seems to have had a prosperous year both spiritually and materially and reports the presence of the Holy Spirit, an accession of ten to the membership of the church during the year on confession of their faith in Christ. The Y. P. S. C. E. is doing good work, and there seems to be a growing interest in the work of the church. We are hopeful that the blessing of God will continue with us in the future.

Kerhonkson reports for only part of the year; records incomplete: therefore hard to get at accurate statistics, but says: "Our attendance is good and interest increasing. We are prayerfully looking forward for a more prosperous season."

Mamakating reports in words almost as concise and expressive as Caesar's celebrated *veni, vedi, vici*, viz.: "Roll of membership revised: church out of debt, and every department of church work in successful operation: Sunday School growing: choir greatly improved: prayer meeting well attended, and the church making visible growth in spirituality."

Minnisink. No report.

Montgomery reports good work done, and much good seed sown at the "open air" services held during the summer months, which meetings were largely attended. An interest in temperance is noted and says, "We furnished from our congregation a no-license Excise Commissioner, and the town, awakened it is said by our meetings, elected him by a large majority." The Y. P. S. C. E., with the primary class of the Sabbath school, has undertaken the education of a girl in India. The contributions for Benevolent Boards are the largest of any in the Classis. Thus Montgomery keeps up her record for great liberality in Benevolence.

Newburgh has done wisely in giving special catechetical-instruction to the whole Sunday school by the pastor, who has, in addition to this, conducted special classes in Christian Life. The Y. P. S. C. E. has pledged two hundred and fifty dollars to reduce the floating debt.

New Hurley. No remarks.

New Prospect reports the presence of the Holy Spirit, prayer meetings more largely attended than heretofore, Y.P.S.C.E. doing good work, a marked increase in the membership and amount of money raised by the Woman's Missionary Society. Contributions to the Benevolent Boards increased nearly $100, and Sunday school room newly seated at a cost of about $170, and repairs on the parsonage property more than $600. We are nearly $500 in debt for the repairs, but our faith in God is not weakened, and every line of Church work is being successfully carried on. We give God thanks and press forward.

Shawangunk. Their beloved pastor, the Rev. R. V. Palmer, was suddenly called, in March last, by his heavenly Father to come up higher. No remarks.

Unionville reports "Our Church is very weak. Most of the congregation comes from Grahamsville, and with the present population the future is not encouraging."

Walden. The Church on the Hill is coming to be like the city set on a hill, of Bible fame. It cannot be hid. While reporting no new features of work, yet she does report an active life and marked progress, entire unity in the Church and in all its auxiliaries. A constant increase and closer affiliation of families, while, by confession, not a few have been added to the membership. The Sunday school is better equipped and with a larger roll than ever before. The Ladies' Societies have done good service along definite lines. The Y. P. S. C. E. maintains peculiarly successful services. Smaller circles in the interests of missions record encouraging results. In temporal matters also the work has been prospered. With all this, the Church is in need of a larger capacity in the House of Worship for would-be renters.

Wallkill Valley. This heroic Church is nobly hastening on. The various societies have been busily engaged in their special lines of work with encouraging results. A healthy increase in Missions is gladly noticed, prayer meetings variable, and says: "We have reason to thank the Lord for the presence of His Spirit, to whom we are indebted for the conversion of twenty-one souls. We go forward to the work of another year with expectant grateful hearts."

Upper Wallpack.—Pastorless since last May. Church supplied most acceptably during the summer by Mr. H. V. S. Peeke, now of Auburn Theological Seminary, who organized two vigorous Y. P. S. C. E., one on each side of the river, which have done a grand work; also, the "Earnest Workers" Society. Rev. G. S. Garretson supplied the church at Peter's Valley during winter and spring. A good work reported there also. The two Sunday schools have increased twenty-nine per cent. No financial report.

Lower Wallpack.—Supplied by different ministers during the summer. The congregation is about to try to obtain one of two very acceptable candidates. There is still a debt on the church of about $100.

Wawarsing reports plenty of rust and friction. Still, the membership of the Church are working like beavers along certain lines of work. The outlook is hopeful. The report covers but a part of the year, and it is hard to get at the true condition of the affairs of the Church because of the incompleteness of the records during the long vacancy of the pulpit.

The following ministerial changes have taken place:

The Rev. Walter Winant was secured as a candidate from the Classis of Paramus, July 19th, 1892. On the same day he was ordained to the ministry and installed pastor over the Church of Berea. The Rev. G. S. Garretson was received from the Classis of Passaic, October 18th, 1892. The Rev. David T. Harris was received from the Classis of Montgomery, December 6th, 1892, and on the same day was installed pastor of the church of Mamakating at Wurtsboro. The Rev. C. Van Oostenbrugge was received from the Presbytery of Omaha, December 6th, 1892, and on December 30th, 1892, was installed pastor of the church of Wawarsing, at Napanach, and of the church of Kerhonkson. The Rev. William Coombs, candidate, was ordained to the ministry December 6th, 1892, and on January 10th, 1893, was installed pastor of the church of Grahamsville and of the church of Unionville. The Rev. Gilbert Lane and the church of Cuddebackville severed the pastoral relationship under action of Classis, April 19th, 1893. The Rev. John M. Allen died May, 1892. The Rev. Robert V. Palmer died March 2nd, 1893.

Respectfully submitted,

E. O. MOFFETT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Your Committee on the State of Religion regrets very much to begin its report with a complaint. But in justice to itself it must do so, hoping that future committees may not be called upon to prepare a report under the same disabilities. The churches generally sent in their reports in good

season, but two of the largest churches delayed the reports, one until three days ago, the other until yesterday. This renders it almost impossible to make the usual comparisons. A comparison of additions, with deaths and dismissals, shows a net gain of 776. Benevolent contributions have increased $13,700.16. Contributions for congregational purposes have also increased $3,186.75. Nearly all the churches report a healthful life and united and devoted people. It is evident that a work, deep and lasting, is being done. We have great reason to be grateful for the blessing of God, which has been so abundantly bestowed upon us.

New York Collegiate.—In the two and two-thirds centuries since the formal organization of this Church, it has probably never happened that two new and beautiful sanctuaries have been opened in a single year, and pastors inducted into office in charge of them. This has marked the year 1892. In pursuance of the definite and deliberate policy adopted by the Collegiate Church of remaining in the lower and densely populous part of the city the Middle Church took possession in mid-summer of its new edifice at Second Ave. and Seventh St., and the Rev. John Hutchins, called from the pastoral care of the Reformed Church at Brighton Heights, was at once made Assistant Minister of the Collegiate Church and placed in charge. Rev. Charles H. Davis is engaged as his assistant. The work prospers.

In November, the new sanctuary at West End Avenue and Seventy-seventh Street was opened, that a new congregation might be there assembled. The Rev. Henry E. Cobb was called from his pastorate at West Troy to be made an Assistant Minister of the Collegiate Church, and take in hand the work of gathering a congregation *de novo* from the vicinage. The work has prospered from the beginning.

The Twenty-ninth Street Church has had large accessions. The work has been pushed out into all the neighborhood, particularly among the hotels and apartment houses. Young people have been numerously welcomed into the various societies and have taken up missionary and Sunday school work. In April, the Rev. Alfred E. Myers was added to

the working force, with especial charge of the young people. The church at Fifth Avenue and Forty-eighth Street is making steady progress. The Rev. John A. Ingham, a recent graduate of Union Theological Seminary, has become an assistant to Dr. Coe. Under his fostering care the work among the young people takes on a specially hopeful aspect. The DeWitt, Knox Memorial and Vermilye Chapels have done their various work and done it well. The statistics will show their advance among many lines.

The Thirty-sixth anniversary of the Fulton Street Prayer Meeting was celebrated in September, with special thankfulness because of the prolonged life and health of its founder, Mr. Lamphier.

In the latter part of February the young people, headed by a Committee from the Marble Collegiate Chapter of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, organized a Sunday school at No. 177 Tenth Avenue, near Twenty-first Street. It is known as the Chelsea Square Sunday school, meets at three o'clock in the afternoon, and has a steady attendance of over one hundred. The school is held in a rented store, which is already filled.

On the 17th day of March of the present year the venerable senior minister of the Collegiate Church was called upward to the heavenly fellowship. The Rev. Thomas Edward Vermilye, D. D., had but a few weeks before his death celebrated his ninetieth birthday anniversary, and had passed more than fifty-three years in the service of this Church. His mental faculties were unclouded and vigorous to the end of life on the earth. He came to his transition full of years and held in universal honor because of his long-tried qualities as a man and citizen, and especially by reason of the able and prolonged Christian ministry, of which he had made full proof.

The goodness and mercy of God have followed us. The year has been rich with blessing. The forward look was never more full of hope than at present. Trusting in our Father's God we purpose to do still greater things in the name of His dear Son.

Harlem Collegiate.—This reads as follows:

"God has continued to bless us through the faithful work of our dear pastors. Our Young Peoples' meetings have been well attended and they have been blessed. The Sabbath schools have increased in attendance and a goodly number has confessed Christ. Our Second Church has now a settled pastor who is doing a good work and God is blessing his labors by the addition of sixty-one families and a goodly number by confession and by letter. Our prayer meetings have been a source of great blessing to all."

South.—Nothing striking is chronicled in the history of this church. The church feels severely the loss of one elder by death and the disability of another by paralysis.

Manor Chapel of South Church.—This has been a year of marked progress. In former years Christian workers from other churches were needed in the Sunday School, but now the members of the church have filled the necessary places and the work has been as efficiently carried on as ever. The Sunday School fills the building. Two Christian Endeavor societies numbering respectively sixty and thirty are doing excellent work. The missionary societies have contributed liberally and two young men are studying with a view to entering the Foreign Missionary Field.

Port Richmond, S. I.—We quote the report: "We have nothing of special interest to communicate concerning our church. We feel, however, that the year has been marked by growth and prosperity, of which the report (Statistical) gives evidence."

Bloomingdale.—Apparently there has been no increase of membership in this church although fifty-one have been received, but this is owing to a gradual revision of the roll. The necessity of providing for a $50,000 mortgage accounts for the failure to contribute to the Boards more liberally.

Madison Ave.—"In presenting our report of church work for the year just closed we have occasion for gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His loving favor and His Holy Spirit's

presence with us, blessing the labors of our pastor. Large congregations have been present at the Sabbath services. The weekly prayer meetings have been largely attended. The year we now enter upon is full of promise to us. Through the liberality of one of the members of the church, Mr. Isaac V. Brokaw, a new building for the chapel will be provided, the congregation buying the land at the corner of First Ave. and Sixtieth St. As we review the year we can say truly, 'The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad.'"

Thirty-fourth St.—The past year has been full of blessing. The gains have more than balanced the losses in membership. The Sabbath School has increased. Two Young People's societies of Christian Endeavor are active and efficient. The women are well organized. The pastor and his wife have each made 600 calls and two young men from Union Seminary have made 400 each. The church building has been renovated at a cost of $3,000 and the bills are all paid. Illustrating the evening sermons with stereopticon pictures has quadrupled the attendance. Next December this church will reach the 70th year of its existence.

German Evangelical Mission.—This church has by the grace of God successfully passed a crisis. An apparent decline in church work had led to a discouraged feeling on the part of some af the congregation. But the apparent danger called forth the reserve strength and the difficulties were overcome. A financial deficiency has been met and a very creditable amount contributed to benevolence. The church is encouraged and faces the future more cheerfully.

Huguenots.—This Church which is very small and unable to support a settled pastor, has been supplied by Mr. H. B. Roberts, a student from the Theological Seminary, New Brunswick. An unusual gain in membership is reported. The field is one for missionary work.

Mott Haven.—After a hard winter, with extra expenses for repairs, we closed the fiscal year without a deficiency. The Christian Endeavor Society has shown very great interest

in the affairs of the Church. An uniform spiritual interest is manifest.

Union, High Bridge.—This Church has enjoyed a year of quiet growth and of temporal and spiritual prosperity. There have been encouraging accessions to the membership, and comparatively few losses. The grace of liberality has been largely developed. The chapel has been enlarged and decorated, additional land secured, the debt almost extinguished, and preparations made to finish the church tower. The Sunday school has increased and a chapter of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip organized.

Fourth German.—In reviewing the past year, this Church finds every reason to be thankful and take courage. The Lord, ever true to his promise, has blessed the means of grace to the conversion of souls. A deep religious interest has manifested itself among the young people and has led to the organization of a Christian Endeavor Society, in the prayer meetings of which the power of the Spirit has been manifested.

Prospect Hill.—Very little change has occurred in the condition of this Church during the past year. Some valuable members have removed, and the debt has been reduced to $1,000. The Board of Domestic Missions has made it possible for the pastor to secure an assistant, and a member of the Senior Class will probably soon accept the position.

Holland.—This Church mourns the loss of the pastor, Rev. Martin Ossewaarde, who has removed to East Williamson, N. Y.

Ave. B German Evangelical.—The past year has been rich in blessing to the Church. The Sabbath services and prayer meetings during the week have been well attended. The Sunday school is flourishing, and a goodly number has been added to the Church on confession of faith. The Young people's Society is doing a good work. Contributions have been increased. There is great cause to thank the Great Head of the Church for His goodness.

Brighton Heights.—This Church has felt very sorely the need of a pastor for the past nine months. But the work of the Church has been carried on actively in the face of many difficulties. The services are well attended, and large accessions have been made to the memcership of the Sunday school and the Christian Endeavor Society. They are praying that the Chief Shepherd will speedily send them an under Shepherd.

Union.—The notable feature in the history of this Church during the past year has been its removal. In July last, it took possession of the building No.'s. 133 and 135 West Eleventh Street. The removal was to a point more central for the congregation, and the building much more desirable than the old one. By leasing the old property in Sixth Avenue almost enough money is secured to carry the large mortgages. An effort is now being made to reduce these mortgages. There has been nothing marked in the spiritual condition of the Church.

German, Norfolk St.—This Church sees no flattering future for it in its present location, and is seriously considering the advisability of selling its property and removing with a fresh start amid more congenial surroundings it hopes for larger success.

Kreischerville, St. Peter's.—This Church, weak at its best, has been seriously affected by a fire which destroyed the factory near it. By this destruction, most of the congregation were thrown out of work, and twenty-five of the members determined to go to the West. The Sunday school prospers.

German Evangelical, Yorkville. This has been a year of great anxiety. Their house of worship was sold, but the congregation has been kept together. They say, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair."

Grace.—The past year has been the brightest and most resultful in the history of this Church. Notwithstanding

the removal of members from the neighborhood the congregation has grown considerably. Both Sabbath and midweek services have been maintained duriug the entire year, and contributions have increasen. Six active societies carry on successfully the work of the church in various directions. Forty-six adults and children were sent to the country for a fortnight each. The following motto has been chosen for the year 1893: "The testimony of the Lord is sure."

Hamilton Grange.—The Hamilton Grange sends a most cheering report. For a part of the year the church was without a pastor, and with the usual result upon attendance in interest, but with the new year a new pastor came, and a very encouraging start has been made. The whole interior of the church has been changed and decorated. Church seats have replaced settees and from a chapel a church has been evolved. The lecture room has been recarpeted and relighted, and new front doors have been secured, and all the improvements paid for. The attendance and interest have greatly increased and Hamilton Grange starts upon the new year with brighter prospects of successful and rapid growth.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The following ministerial changes have occurred during the past year:

But one death has occurred among the ministers. The venerable and beloved senior pastor of the Collegiate Church of New York, the Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, D.D., LL.D., was called away to the Church Triumphant on March 17th, 1893.

On June 6, 1892, Rev. William J. Harsha, D.D., was received from the Presbytery of Omaha, and on October 20, 1891, was installed pastor of the Second Collegiate Church of Harlem.

On June 6, 1892, the pastoral relation existing between Rev, John Hutchins and the Church of Brighton Heights; Staten Island, was dissolved and Rev. Mr. Hutchins became the assistant Minister at the Collegiate Church, at Second Ave. and Seventh St.

On October 10, 1892, the pastoral relation existing between Rev. John F. Morgan and the Hamilton Grange Church was dissolved and Rev. J. F. Morgan was dismissed to the Classis of Bergen.

On February 6, 1893, the Rev. Charles B. Chapin was received from the Presbytery of Albany, and on February 14 was installed pastor of the Hamilton Grange Church. On the same date the Rev. E. S. Fairchild was dismissed to the Presbytery of Chicago, and the Rev. Henry Evertsen Cobb was received from the Classis of Albany to take charge of the Collegiate Church at 77th St. and West End Ave.

On March 13, 1893, the pastoral relation existing between Rev. Martin Ossewaarde and the Holland Church was dissolved and he was dismissed to the Classis of Rochester.

Respectfully submitted.

H. V. S. MYERS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

First, Poughkeepsie, reports unabated interest in all departments, and refers especially to the twenty-fifth anniversary of the present relation of pastor and people, with gratitude for harmony, mutual affection, and prayers for larger blessing.

Second, Poughkeepsie, reports prosperity, peace, payment of church debt, encouraging additions to membership, and general activity.

Fishkill reports every department active and encouraging.

Hopewell reports a general awakening to the general interinterests of the church: the people having taken new heart, and manifested it in a complete renovation of the interior of their building, and increased attendance at public worship.

New Hackensack reports a blessed work of grace resulting in the addition of an unusual number to the church: also of improvement of church property, and general activity through the various societies in the church.

Rhinebeck reports a lively interest in the church a a whole; the Word has not been without fruits; a specia work has been the purchase of a new organ at a cost o about $3,000. A peculiarity of the church is the absence o young men owing to the absence of industries.

Glenham reports unusual spiritual interest, and indication of greater prosperity in the near future.

Fishkill-on-Hudson reports earnest work in all departments yet not the usual ingathering.

Cold Spring reports activity in all departments, and course of lectures on the Ante-Nicene Fathers as a specia feature.

Hyde Park reports the loss of their pastor. By reason o affliction of a peculiarly distressing character he felt cor strained to sever the connection with a people betwee whom and himself there existed a very warm attachment.

Millbrook reports a very cheering work of grace. All de partments of the church are well sustained. The futur holds more blessings in view.

Statistics of Classis of Poughkeepsie for the year 189 compared with those of 1892:

No. of families reported	1892 is	1,088	
" " "	1893 is	1,080	less 8
No. received on confession	1892 is	111	
" " "	1893 is	95	less 16
No. received on certificate	1892 is	91	
" " "	1893 is	53	less 38
No. dismissed	1892 is	55	
" "	1893 is	36	less 19
No. died	1892 is	47	
"	1893 is	37	less 10
Total in communion	1892 is	2,325	
" "	1893 is	2,323	less 2
Infants baptized	1892 is	38	
" "	1893 is	39	more 1

Adults	1892	is	64	
"	1893	is	55	less 9
Non-communicants reported	1892	is	79	
" " "	1893	is	107	more 28
No. of Catechumens	1892	is	190	
" "	1893	is	195	more 5
No. of S. Schools	1892	is	21	
" "	1893	is	19	less 2
Total enrollment	1892	is	1,781	
" "	1893	is	1,615	less 166

CONTRIBUTIONS—BENEVOLENT OBJECTS.

Denominational	1892,	$5,473.89		
"	1893,	7,864.03	more	$2,390.14
Other Objects	1892,	2,919.87		
" "	1893,	2,474.98	less	444.89
Congregational purposes	1892,	27,920.07		
" "	1893,	28,520.59	more	600.52

There is a small loss in membership, viz., of two; also a loss in Sunday schools, viz., of two; and of scholars 166. Benevolence for Denominational Objects has increased $2,390; for other objects it has decreased $444.99. Contributions for Congregational Objects are $600.52 more than the past year.

We about hold our own in all departments. The deaths and dismissals about equal the additions. But the work goes on. God's Spirit is not without witness, and we are encouraged to pursue the same course, with expectations of larger blessings in the future.

Respectfuliy submitted,

J. HOWARD SUYDAM, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

The reports of the churches show progress in every respect. We notice a marked increase this year in the benevolent contributions of the churches for Denominational

Objects, which may be due to the extra efforts of the churches to assist in raising the debts of the Foreign and Domestic Boards. Judging from the number of additions by confession of faith, there must have been an increase also of spiritual interest and life in the churches. Peekskill and Tarrytown speak of union meetings for evangelistic purposes, which have benefitted our churches in both places.

Among the reports from the churches, your committee received reports from two churches that were organized during the past Church year, viz., the Memorial Reformed Church, first-born of the Church at Fordham, and Park Hill Reformed Church, at Yonkers, infant daughter of our church in that city. Both these churches owe their existence, next to the grace of God, to the earnest labors so wisely directed of the mother churches, and the efficient and zealous pastors of the same. We congratulate these churches and their pastors upon the happy results of their enterprise and liberality, and the Classis upon these highly valued additions to their number. Both churches have large promise of success and abundant usefulness. We heartily welcome them as our youngest sisters to our small but happy family of Reformed Churches, and pray God that Himself perfect, establish and strengthen them, that they bear much fruit and that their print may remain.

This, together with the marked tokens of a quickened vitality in our weaker churches, all of which are supplied with pastors and appear to be in good working order, may give the Classis of Westchester abundant reason of rejoicing and encouragement.

We give below extracts from the reports of the various churches:

Bronxville sends in the Statistical Report without any further remarks.

Belmont, New York City. This Church offers the history of small things up to the organization as a Church. "Our regular attendance is in the neighborhood of fifty or sixty so far, and our Sunday school seems to be making rapid strides onward. With God's blessing the outlook seems very bright.

Cortlandtown.—This Church with many things to lament, has much to be grateful for. The attendance upon the Sabbath services at Montrose during the winter has been reduced, largely from want of sheds to protect the horses. This we hope to remedy the coming season. At Verplanck the services have enjoyed a larger attendance and deeper interest than ever before. Both Sabbath schools are prosperous in numbers and progress. We are especially pleased at this session to report our Church as no longer needing assistance from the Board of Domestic Missions. Through the kind Providence of the Lord the legacy of Benson S. Dyckman has come into our possession after an appeal to the Courts, and we shall hold it for the support of the Church.

In assuming self-support and withdrawing from the care of the Board, we desire to record our deep appreciation of the assistance received for many years, and hope we may be able in future years to repay in some degree the profits enjoyed.

Fordham.—We can report that our church has made an advance in attendance and benevolence. While we have dismissed thirteen members to found a new Reformed Church at Belmont, 1½ miles distant, in the 24th Ward, we have received sixteen by certificate from other churches to make good the loss. Only five have joined this year on confession of their faith. While the attendance upon the services is full and regular we need an outpouring of God's Spirit to gather in to the communion of souls those that gather to the fellowship of worship. The Sabbath school has given nearly one hundred scholars to the new Memorial Church.

Greenburgh.—Notwithstanding the prolonged cold season our services have been better attended during this winter than ever before. The spiritual condition of the members and church attendants warrants great anticipations of future harvests.

Greenville.—No report.

Hastings.—No report.

Melrose.—No report.

Mount Vernon.—These figures seem to show a falling off. The large increase of the year before by reason of revival efforts made a similar experience this year impossible. The dismissals to such a large extent are accounted for by a partially successful effort to make those who left our city year before to remove their letters. Death has taken some of our members. We mourn the loss of our senior elder in active service, Mr. John Van Santvoord, a man well known in the Denomination, a leader in all Christian work, a firm friend of the church, a large benefactor and foremost in all Christian enterprise. Our benevolence has increased. Financially we have more than held our own. We have sold our old chapel property and a new, modern and commodious church building, with place in the rear of the church is already in course of erection. Our debt is still further reduced. Peace and harmony with all our heart. The outlook is hopeful.

Peekskill.—The Van Nert Reformed Church of Peekskill has great and manifold reasons of thankfulness with God. In the first place the Lord has visited us with a gracious revival which has been a blessing to all the place. At our last communion we received forty to our number, thirty-five of whom came in confession of their faith. Many more are coming next time. Our services are largely attended; our prayer meetings were never more helpful and interesting, both in number and in spirit. Perfect peace and harmony prevail.

A special reason for rejoicing is that God used our new church as the active agent in bringing about the gracious revival that blessed all our churches. Our consistory took the first steps towards the union of Churches and the securing of Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman as an evangelist.

Another reason of great thankfulness is the decision of the courts in favor of our church in regard to the will of the late Elder S. B. Dyckman, which was contested by the heirs. This puts the church in possession of two valuable pieces of property. They cannot be sold; the income of these will be a considerable help during the years to come. Our prospects are therefore very bright. God has done for us above our

asking or thinking. Truly they that trust in Him shall never be confounded.

First, Tarrytown.—We report a more than ordinary interest in missionary work at home and abroad; a Sunday School never more flourishing; good attendance at church services, and a good deal of enthusiasm, a general interest on the part of the people in the affairs of the church. At the next communion too we hope to receive quite large accessions by confession of faith which we trust will make some amends for our apparent barrenness in the year now closing.

Second, Tarrytown.—A comparison of the statistics presented in this report for the last year shows a slight gain over the figures for 1892 in almost every particular. Such a showing in a field when the conditions of school growth are not altogether favorable is a cause of devout thankfulness unto Almighty God for His superintending care over the temporal and spiritual interests of our church. The most marked feature of interest to our members has been the readiness to co-operate in Union Evangelistic Services which have been held with our sister churches of other denominations. We enter upon the duties of another year with our faces toward the morning light.

Unionville.—Divine blessings have not been withheld from us. The deficiency in the Domestic Board's supplementary appropriations for our pastor's support has been more than made up by the congregation. Our collections have been above the average. We feel encouraged to look forward to still brighter and more prosperous years in the near future.

West Farms.—The work of the church has been quietly carried on in all its departments. The societies have kept up their zeal and have given practical aid to all need of the church.

Yonkers.—We have some new matters of interest to report. A new church of our order has grown out of our work, is prospering finely and will bring in its first report at this

session. We ourselves have started at last upon our building work and have completed a very handsome addition to our church, which brings to it great enlargement of its facilities for work. Our spiritual condition has also been much quickened. We have had an addition of thirty-eight new members to our communion, thirty of them by profession. Our prayer meetings have taken on a wonderfully fresh life. They were never better attended or more profitable than during the last winter and the spring months. We report five members less than last year because of special dismissions to the new church. Our fiftieth anniversary of organization will be celebrated on the 23d of this month. To God be the glory of the past; we lay ourselves at the Master's feet for whatever He may have for us of further work.

Park Hill Reformed Church.—This church was organized November 30th, 1892, though the work has been entirely self-supporting since October 1st, 1892, and as our church year (fiscal) begins with April 1st, the financial statement in this report covers only six months and the other items only a few days over four months.

The following changes have occurred in the Classis during the year:

Rev. J. Henry Bertholf received from the Classisof Monmouth. November 1st, 1892; William Armitage Beardslee received from the Classis of Saratoga, Nov. 1st, 1892, and ordained and installed over Park Hill Church of Yonkers, January 1st, 1893. Rev. Lawrence H. Van Dyck, died January 24th, 1893. Rev. William E. Turner died January 26th, 1893. Rev. Peter M. MacQueen dismissed from Bronxville to Boston April 3d, 1893. Park Hill Church organized at Yonkers November 4th, 1892. Memorial Reformed Church of Belmont in the 25th Ward, New York, organized January 20th, 1893.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY DE VRIES, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS. Number of Families.	Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denomination'l Objects. R. A. P.	Benevolent. Other Objects. R. A. P.	Congregational. R. A. P.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Arcot	L. R. Scudder	65	4	18	10	5	1	89	10	3	135	12	11	521		48 5 5	57 5 4	Arcot, Madras Presid'cy, In.
Yehamur	Abraham Muni	280	1	10	9	6	3	199	60	44	375	503	17	268		32 10 ..	85 14 4	" " "
Arni	E. C. Scudder, Jr.	29	28	8	19	6	3	71	4	1	97	2	5	351		65 4 8	35 10 ..	Arni, " "
Allendal	Moses Nathaniel	14	28	8	2	6	3	14	4	1	55	2	2	29		5 1 4	6 7 7	Tindivanam, " "
Gnanodiam	" "	67	2	6	8	3	3	91	13	2	123	44	6	158		17 .. 2	20 .. 0	" " "
Maruturvambadi	" "	6	2	1	1	5	1	9	13	2	13	12	1	16		6 8 6	5 8 ..	" " "
Vellumbi	E. C. Scudder, Jr	18	2	6	1	2	1	30	3	2	33	2	2	30		6 8 2	11 11 9	Arni, " "
Chittoor	W. I. Chamberlain	56	3	3	6	2	1	62	12	10	98	19	5	225		33 6 ..	32 8 0	Chittoor, " "
Kottapalli	" "	78	5	4	3	2	3	71	1	5	78	85	8	160		8 7 ..	8 13 ..	" " "
Madanapalle	J. Chamberlain, P. Souri, L. B. Chamberlain, J. Souri	190	21	4	6	2	3	135	25	16	334	290	14	759		130 12 3	214 12 ..	Madanapalle, " "
Palmaner	J. Chamberlain	15	1	30	0	1	1	40	1	16	27	3	1	110		60 1 5	49 14 ..	" " "
Vellore	John Scudder	73	5	23	13	1	8	122	5	16	152	26	4	238		170 12 ..	125 1 ..	Vellore, " "
Kandiputtur	Isaac Lazar	123	5	23	11	1	4	130	11	4	143	183	5	170		7 13 ..	68 5 8	" " "
Sekadu	" "	96	5	23	4	1	2	116	2	4	102	116	2	69		5 6 ..	27 .. 9	" " "
Katpadi	Vacant	145	6	9	11	3	6	178	53	16	238	123	11	316		18 11 ..	104 5 4	....
Coonoor	E. C. Scudder, Jr.	64	5	2	2	1	1	75	7	16	121	3	1	221		33 12 8	33 14 10	Arni, " "
Tindivanam	J. H. Wyckoff	15	5	2	2	1	1	23	3	16	76	3	3	240		132 5 10	49 3 10	Tindivanam " "
Sattambadi	" "	65	3	2	2	1	3	78	11	16	157	47	5	80		25 10 ..	31 14 ..	" " "
Orattur	Paul Bailey	62	3	2	2	1	2	72	4	16	123	75	2	62		2 10 8	11 7 2	" " "
Vellaripattu	" "	58	3	2	2	1	2	69	3	16	78	110	5	92		10 8 ..	25 15 6	" " "
Narasinganur	" "	49	1	2	2	1	2	57	6	16	79	26	3	153		13 7 8	20 4 6	" " "
Varikkal	John Peter	36	5	2	2	1	2	48	3	1	84	33	3	63		12 12 ..	16 15 5	" " "
Kolapakam	" "	39	12	2	2	1	2	58	2	5	78	9	3	51	2715	10 1 4	11 6 4	" " "
Total		1630	116	111	115	33	45	1883	221	107	2799	1736	119	4372	2715	887 15 3	1196 7 10	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev W. W. Scudder, Professor of Theology, Palmaner; Rev. Messrs. J. W. Scudder and J. W. Conklin, in America.

Licentiates.—Erskine Tavamani, John Yesuratnam, Subbarayan Santosham, Joseph Sevam, Shadlach Chellan, Ella M. Nathaniel, Nathaniel Jotinayakam.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First, Claverack	G. H. Burrill	120	3	7	6	0	6	246	4	0	....	0	5	241	$641	$102	$4,382	Claverack Col Co., N.Y.
Gallatin	Benjamin A. Bartholf,	68	6	1	2	0	2	108	3	4	....	0	1	60	81	21	700	Mt. Ross, Duchess Co., "
Germantown	Mortimer Smith	108	8	0	2	0	4	199	3	3	....	140	1	157	133	11	1,426	Germantown, Col. " "
Greenport	Edward G. Ackerman	80	3	2	0	0	4	200	4	3	....	80	2	215	170	50	1,172	Glendale, " " "
Hudson	Ferdinand S. Shenck	272	2	4	13	0	4	456	5	0	....	210	1	295	1,758	353	4,782	Hudson, " " "
Linlithgow	J Walter Vaughn (s c)	71	3	1	0	0	2	172	0	0	51	0	2	130	275	156	1,245	Livingston, " " "
Livingst'n at Linlithgo	William W. Whitney	70	5	1	2	1	2	95	6	2	20	23	2	124	41	16	1,112	Linlithgo, " " "
Mellenville	David M. Hunter	90	5	6	11	0	4	140	16	3	....	119	1	132	311	19	1,421	Mellenville, " " "
Philmont	F. V. Van Vranken	95	11	19	0	0	2	151	5	5	....	100	1	148	702	54	1,386	Philmont, " " "
Upper Red Hook	George D. Lydecker	60	1	4	0	0	2	130	1	1	....	40	1	70	377	.....	1,200	Upp. Red Hook, Duch. Co."
West Copake	Philip Furbeck	78	4	3	2	0	2	116	3	1	....	0	1	162	82	.....	928	West Copake, Col. Co., "
	Total	1112	51	48	38	1	34	2013	50	20	71	712	18	1734	$4,591	$782	$19,704	

Other Ministers—James C. Garretson, 431 Monmouth Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Bloomingdale	Joseph Millet	130	29	6	4	..	2	232	30	8	...	....	1	241	$85.50	$11.75	$832.54	Whiteport, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Clove	Herman Hageman(s.c.)	160	10	9	7	..	6	314	12	3	280	200	8	400	521.79	180.41	1,797.00	High Falls, " " "
Dashville Falls	Henry T. Jones	38	6	2	2	..	1	73	10	4	40	20	1	70	42.04	6.00	500.00	Rifton Glen, " " "
Gardiner	Supplied	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	24	1	110	37.00	.....	3,833.00	Gardiner, " " "
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher	80	3	..	4	..	..	99	1	..	123	65	3	267	21.28	42.00	1,238.00	Libertyville, " " "
Hurley	Samuel T. Searle	70	6	..	11	..	1	*175	2	3	70	...	1	115	302.96	13.23	1,010.00	Hurley, " " "
Kingston, Fair Street	Stephen D. Noyes	163	1	7	10	..	5	380	1	...	...	....	1	326	352.00	7.00	4,656.00	Kingston, " " "
Krumville	Paul T. Deyo	30	0	1	3	..	6	40	1	1	40	....	1	60	.....	.....	225.00	Samsonville, " " "
Lyonsville	Supplied	47	16	2	..	..	3	75	7	1	...	....	1	80	.....	.....	246.00	Kripplebush, " " "
Marbletown	Vacant	104	2	1	..	2	4	180	2	1	...	40	1	50	196.88	36.55	1,011.26	Stone Ridge, " " "
North Marbletown	Vacant	54	2	1	3	..	3	75	10	1	...	....	1	50	87.14	.....	375.26	" " "
New Paltz	Abel H. Huizinga	300	8	15	11	..	9	503	17	2	...	....	5	464	667.95	157.77	2,104.41	New Paltz, " " "
Rochester	John L. McNair	130	5	5	7	..	5	*195	6	...	...	....	4	330	239.26	7.00	1,749.23	Accord, " " "
Rosendale	J. N. Morris	130	9	8	4	..	3	246	5	3	190	....	2	310	20.00	5.00	1,350.00	Rosendale, " " "
St. Remy	Joseph Millet	51	5	..	3	..	1	116	3	1	...	25	1	115	29.00	.....	500.00	Whiteport, " " "
	Total	1487	102	57	69	2	49	2719	107	28	743	374	27	2988	$2,602.80	$416.71	$21,422.70	

Other Ministers—Rev. Jas. R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, N. Y.; Rev. James Cantine, Missionary, Busrah, Persian Gulf, Asia.

*Revised.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denomination'l Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jamaica	Edgar Tilton, Jr.	180	14	8	5	..	5	337	9	1	....	125	2	315	$1,233.84	$23.50	$3,546.92	Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.
Newtown	Howard W. Ennis.	101	6	12	2	..	3	161	3	..	....	....	2	260	551.35	204.52	2,599.37	Newtown, L. I., "
Oyster Bay	John H. Smock	84	4	2	3	..	1	137	1	3	....	....	1	105	275.37	.....	1,029.70	Glen Head, L. I., "
North Hempstead	Vacant	65	..	..	..	..	..	135	..	..	....	....	1	70	.....	.....	1,500.00	Manhasset, L. I., "
Williamsburg	Augustus W. Mills	150	2	9	6	..	2	*175	3	2	....	....	1	406	354.60	250.00	5,432.13	99 Rodney St., B'klyn, "
Astoria	Wm S. Crammer	100	17	11	12	..	7	*183	4	2	....	45	1	240	334.00	.....	3,409.00	Astoria, L. I., "
Flushing	James Demarest	105	7	11	10	..	4	204	6	2	....	....	2	237	532.56	.....	11,925.10	Flushing, L. I., "
Kent St., Brooklyn	Lewis Francis	205	24	6	11	..	10	430	18	7	....	....	2	1165	2,390.03	.....	6,768.37	143 Noble St., B'klyn, "
South Bushwick	Geo. D. Hulst	200	17	14	15	..	4	428	20	5	....	....	1	1099	220.01	150.95	5,974.66	15 Himrod St., "
Second, Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	100	22	..	3	..	4	248	61	..	....	28	1	225	118.11	.....	1,695.92	Astoria, L. I., "
East Williamsburgh	L. William Hones	19	3	2	2	..	..	36	4	1	....	....	1	190	23.56	.....	784.98	Flush. Av. & City Line, Byn "
Queens	J. S. N. Demarest	74	7	5	6	..	1	158	16	2	....	130	1	212	402.77	122.73	2,315.14	Queens, L. I., "
German Ev., Brooklyn	John C Guenther	320	18	..	10	..	20	360	175	6	....	125	2	800	200.00	150.00	3,500.80	178 Lorimer St., B'klyn, "
Sayville	a John Hoffman	42	5	3	..	..	..	65	6	..	33	....	1	100	27 34	36.81	960.39	Sayville, L. I., "
Locust Valley	John H. Smock	40	1	1	1	..	..	51	4	1	....	....	1	110	91.00	.....	755.00	Glen Head, L. I., "
College Point	John Baumeister	107	7	4	1	2	..	*128	25	..	....	190	1	190	388.72	118.50	1,898.89	College Point, L. I., "
1st Ref'd, L. I. City	Alexander Shaw	50	7	1	2	..	2	83	14	3	....	18	1	135	52.87	5.37	1,037.51	Long Island City, "
Bushwick	T. C. McClelland.	140	18	8	+6	..	5	*208	36	2	....	....	1	‡508	59.53	14.97	2,486.28	99 Ainslie St., Brooklyn, "
German Ev., Jamaica	F. Hartig	54	14	2	..	..	10	150	40	..	....	8	1	100	51.64	35.00	1,116.64	Jamaica, L. I., "
Hicksville	E. Gutweiler	80	25	15	..	..	2	83	20	..	....	....	1	130	.....	.....	1,250.00	Hicksville, L. I., "
German, 2d Newtown	Vacant	36	7	..	..	..	2	30	2	..	....	6	1	60	16.00	.....	877.00	Newtown, " "
Steinway	a Vacant	28	6	2	..	..	1	58	5	1	....	....	..	400	532.58	400.04	2,498.13	Steinway, " "
Grace, Woodhaven	F. J. Kraushar	25	..	..	..	..	1	60	5	..	....	....	1	70	6.00	.....	300.00	Woodhaven, L. I., "
Ch. of Jesus, Brooklyn	Vacant	70	21	3	4	..	..	56	54	1	....	20	1	210	37.00	13.00	260.00	315 Graham Av., B'klyn, "
	Total	2384	252	119	99	2	84	3964	531	39	33	695	28	7377	$7,898.88	$1,525.39	$63,891.13	

Other Ministers—E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, N.Y.; W. H. Ten Eyck (S. C.), 159 West 93d St., New York City; Alex. S. Van Dyck, Amoy, China; John M. Wagner, 315 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Robert H. Barr, Ph.D., Newburgh, N. Y.; M. V. Schoonmaker, West Chester, Penn.

Candidate—Herman H. Shook, 4 Wierfield St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

°Last year's report. * Revised list. † All from non-resident list. ‡ S.S. roll revised; increase during present year over 200.

a. Pastor elect. *b*. Supplied by Rev. U. D. Gulick, Morristown, N. J.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent, Denominational Objects.	Benevolent, Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First Reformed	James M. Farrar	281	45	52	11	..	5	484	10	5	..	500	2	1072	$2,274	$6,062	.....	802 President St., Br'kl'n, N.Y.
Centennial Chapel	Vacant	..	15	22	4	..	0	66	..	..	..	100	1	..	.....	.....	$892	....
Flatbush	Cornelius L. Wells	135	4	6	0	..	4	*400	8	0	212	100	1	330	3,819	1,980	.....	Flatbush, L. I., N. Y.
Grace Chapel	William H. Boocock	116	11	0	1	..	1	..	11	1	..	....	1	200	188	.....	59	" "
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	100	4	11	1	..	4	291	4	0	....	50	2	400	1,187	75	17,619	Van Felt Manor, L. I., N. Y.
Gravesend	Peter Y. Van Buskirk	120	9	2	0	..	1	243	15	0	....	130	3	353	1,000	108	2,618	Gravesend, L. I., N. Y.
Flatlands	John S. Gardner, S.C.	79	7	0	3	..	2	178	12	1	65	50	2	262	720	148	4,058	Flatlands, L. I., N. Y.
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	80	8	5	5	..	2	192	9	1	....	50	1	375	517	877	3,829	New Lots Ave., Br'k'n, N. Y.
East New York	Jesse W. Brooks	139	13	15	6	..	4	243	31	2	96	..	1	420	324	.....	5 328	53 Vermont St., " "
South Brooklyn	J. Talmadge Bergen	150	15	22	0	..	0	241	26	1	74	180	1	360	489	102	2,562	165 52d St., " "
Twelfth Street	John E. Lloyd	335	39	22	16	..	6	620	18	15	290	480	1	1050	668	782	7,089	468 9th St., " "
North Reformed†	E. F. Hallenbeck	102	33	18	9	..	5	219	9	10	....	....	1	190	82	55	3,262	16 South Elliot Pl. " "
Church-on-the-H'ghts.	Wesley R. Davis	185	0	1	10	..	4	261	0	0	....	....	1	100	2,172	3,800	9,950	178 Columbia Heights " "
Bethany Chapel	C. E. Wyckoff, P. E.	90	5	0	5	..	0	168	0	0	....	....	1	470	147	596	664	.... "
New Brooklyn	Jacob Weber	140	12	0	2	..	4	356	101	1	300	18	1	300	193	110	3,347	1062 Herkimer St., "
Second, Flatbush	John H. Jensen	36	13	3	1	..	2	70	13	0	25	3	1	54	.....	.....	737	Flatbush, L. I , N. Y.
Canarsie	John Ficken	30	9	0	1	..	6	75	17	4	21	4	1	63	89	15	1,066	Canarsie, L. I., N. Y.
Bedford	Herman C. Berg	99	5	3	6	..	2	220	8	0	75	40	1	85	102	185	3,359	Station B., Brooklyn, N. Y.
St. Thomas, W. I.	Vacant	50	11	3	5	..	2	142	4	0	....	65	3	195	90	230	1,765	St. Thomas, W.I. " "
Ocean Hill	A. Messler Quick, S. S.	65	6	2	7	..	3	163	4	1	....	125	1	225	15	45	5,828	56 Seventh Ave., " "
Edgewood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams	40	0	16	0	..	1	60	7	0	9	....	1	179	62	61	1,474	Blythebourne, L. I., N. Y.
Ridgewood	Vacant	30	2	1	1	..	1	16	5	0	....	....	1	129	.....	.....	264	
Greenwood Heights	Vacant	39	1	2	0	..	1	26	7	0	....	....	1	60	6	25	184	
		2431	267	186	94	....	60	4734	322	42	1167	1795	29	6777	$14,144	$15,255	$75,954	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Alexander Thompson, Roosevelt Hospital, 59th St. and 9th Ave., N.Y.; Rev. Daniel Rapalje, Amoy, China; Rev. John Mason Ferris, editor Christian Intelligencer, 4 and 6 Warren St., N. Y.; Rev. David S. Sutphen, Bloomfield, N. J.; Rev. D. N. Vanderveer, Greenport, L. . Rev. Walter T riffin, Limoges, France; Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, Stated Clerk Particular Synod of New York, 557 Lafayette Ave;, Brooklyn. N. Y.; U D Gulick, Morristown. N. J.; Rev. Edwin F. See, General Secretary Y. M. C. A., 502 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Jeremiah L. Zabriskie Waverly Ave., Flatbush, L. I.; Rev. William D. Perry, 187 Carlton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.: E. C. Oggel: A. P. Stockwell, Superintendent of Schools of Children's Aid Society, 145 Berkeley Place, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Candidate. I. J. Burkart.

*Includes the 112 members of Grace Chapel.

†Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

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New York Collegiate.	T. W. Chambers .. John Hutchins.... Edward B. Coe.... J. A Ingham, asst. David J. Burrell.. P S. Hulbert, asst. A. E. Myers, " Henry E. Cobb....	875	145	108	26	..	18	2145	34	15	....	....	7	2431	$47,239.00			70 West 36th St., N. Y. City. 214 East 18th St., " 42 West 52d St., " 3 West 29th St., " 3 West 29th St., " 302 West 70th St.. " 77th St. & West End Av. "
North DeWitt Collegiate Knox Chapels	Kenneth F. Junor.... William Vaughan (s.c.)	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	160 West 29th St., " 514 Ninth Ave.. "
Harlem Collegiate....	J. Elmendorf..... W. J. Harsha.....	540	137	96	39	..	7	1120	39	38	....	450	2	1524	$3,908.31	6,621.16	.....	35 Mt. Morris Ave., " 269 Lenox Ave., "
South.....	Roderick Terry	164	4	3	1	..	2	217	2	..	131	28	2	221	8,140.00	621.00	$10,000.00	169 Madison Ave., "
Manor Chapel (South).	James Palmer.....	180	14	3	5	..	2	200	10	..	139	75	2	500	375.00	261.00	490.00	216 West 25th St., "
Staten Island.	James Brownlee, D.D. A. H. Demarest...	100	10	5	9	..	1	331	12	5	....	175	2	500	678.45	327.27	4,689.64	Crawford, New Jersey. Port Richm,d, Staten Island.
Bloomingdale..... ...	Madison C. Peters.....	250	30	21	12	..	2	200	35	7	75	15	2	350	100.00	500.00	10,500.54	B'way & 68th St., N. Y. City.
Madison Avenue.....	Abbott E. Kittredge..	290	65	60	30	..	6	991	12	24	....	930	2	1047	1,568 36	10,234.44	26,539.00	711 Park Ave., "
Thirty-fourth Street..	Peter Stryker.....	140	16	15	18	..	6	276	17	2	82	310	1	346	1,641 00	513,00	10,610.00	326 West 33d St., "

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK, (CONTINUED).

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German Ev. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	90	27	...	15	...	19	343	48	2	...	20	1	400	511.28	703.46	1,148.10	78 Second St., N. Y. City.
Huguenots	Supplied	...	4	5	1	...	...	35	1	3	...	60	1	60	35.18	.....	467.00	" " "
Mott Haven	G. Edwin Talmage	36	6	5	5	...	1	119	8	...	125	100	2	267	217.32	37.08	2,496.20	083 East 144th St., " " "
Union, High Bridge	Henry M. Cox	121	16	9	2	...	2	175	16	3	62	149	1	279	1,165.79	388.72	6,452.00	High Bridge, " " "
Fourth, German	John H. Oerter	127	35	0	3	...	3	469	36	2	216	120	1	320	300.25	190.00	1,999.90	246 West 40th St., " " "
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	27	...	5	9	...	1	89	6	...	...	103	1	174	60.00	76.75	1,057.70	7 East 92d St., " " "
Holland	Vacant	29	4	1	3	...	1	50	7	...	30	.....	.....	.....	18.67	.....	64.83	279 West 11th St., " " "
Ave. B. German Ev.	Jacob Schlegel	124	48	1	4	...	6	338	100	2	...	60	1	510	200.00	275.00	2,200.00	602 Fifth St., " " "
Brighton Heights	Vacant	216	8	2	8	...	3	337	12	...	91	...	1	294	416.54	221.02	3,803.29	" " "
Union	Henry V. S. Myers	52	7	3	3	...	4	157	3	...	35	25	1	100	481.34	20.00	10,802.90	250 West 12th St., " " "
German, Norfolk St.	Fred'k C. Erhardt	76	41	...	4	...	8	225	62	...	...	19	1	215	150.00	26.12	1,475.90	147 Norfolk St., " " "
Kreischerv'le, St. Ptr's	Jacob Gauss	100	10	...	25	...	5	125	8	...	8	15	1	134	.....	.....	200.00	Kreischerville, Sta. Is., N.Y.
German Ev., Yorkville	Louis Goebel	52	110	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	26	1	310	.....	.....	.....	343 East 86th St., N.Y. City.
Grace	Joseph R. Duryee	205	13	6	2	2	3	223	12	3	....	373	1	404	312.71	798.63	2,814.53	139 East 36th St., " " "
Hamilton Grange	Charles B. Chapin	105	16	10	20	0	3	188	24	2	....	..	1	400	14.50	.....	2,828.87	471 West 145th St., " " "
Total		3959	766	358	244	2	104	8553	510	108	904	3053	35	10804	$67,588.70	21,874.65	$100,758.52	

Foreign Missionaries—Leonard W. Kip, Amoy, China; C. H. H. Wolff, E. Rothesny Miller, Yokohama, Japan.

Other Ministers—W. W. Clark, 532 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Hasbrouck DuBois, High Bridge, N. Y. City; Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; G. H. Mandeville, 16 East 126th St., New York City: A. J. Park, Huntington, Conn.; G. S. Plumley, P. O. Box 787, N. Y. City; E. A. Reed, Holyoke, Mass.; A. G. Vermilye, Englewood, N. J.; William Westerfield, 63 Convent Ave., N. Y. City.

Licentiate—M. G. Schwartz, 65 Avenue A. N. Y. City.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Berea	Walter Winant	52	11	1	5	...	1	119	1	1	43	...	1	74	$47.70	.....	$1,536.50	Walden, New York
Bloomingburgh	J. L. Stillwell	62	7	1	1	...	3	118	3	4	...	...	1	87	68.38	$7.00	900.00	Bloomingburgh, "
Callcoon	Henry Unglaub	62	2	...	1	...	4	150	22	.....	.....	6	1	150	35.00	33.00	613.00	Callcoon, "
Claraville	Wm. Coombs	23	...	...	...	...	2	42	...	.....	.....	...	1	37	.....	.....	.....	... "
Cuddebackville	Vacant	35	1	...	8	...	1	87	3	1	.....	...	1	84	39.00	14.30	.....	Cuddebackville, "
Deerpark	Ame Vennema	250	48	19	8	...	4	409	6	30	182	121	3	375	994.55	205.41	7,708.96	Port Jervis, "
Ellenville	H. A. Hendrickson	165	8	2	8	...	1	240	5	3	.....	150	2	325	533.09	129.91	2,484.34	Ellenville, "
Fallsburgh	B. T. Statesir	97	...	1	...	...	1	101	...	.....	.....	...	2	83	197.98	.....	686.14	Woodbourne, "
Grahamsville	William Coombs	36	10	...	1	...	...	95	...	10	.....	30	1	65	15.62	.....	520.00	Grahamsville, "
Kerhonkson	C. Van Oostenbrugge,	30	3	...	...	...	...	11	5	.....	.....	...	1	70	11.00	.....	478.00	Napanoch, "
Manakating	D. T. Harris	25	9	6	2	...	1	72	...	6	.....	...	1	83	18.00	2.65	915.61	Wurtsboro, "
Minnisink	Vacant	60	...	...	...	...	...	67	...	.....	.....	...	1	75	.....	.....	.....	Montague, New Jersey.
Montgomery	R. H. M'Cready	156	10	...	6	...	7	385	7	4	.....	60	3	160	1,028.90	152.91	2,268.95	Montgomery, New York.
Newburgh	R. H. Beattie	193	14	15	8	...	7	253	1	5	.....	180	1	180	428.66	190.00	2,917.25	Newburgh, "
New Hurley	George W. Scarlet	115	4	3	6	...	9	182	1	1	.....	90	2	160	211.72	15.50	1,005.95	New Hurley, "
New Prospect	Edwin O. Moffet	106	4	1	1	...	4	188	6	4	.....	164	1	164	266.67	25.00	1,421.64	Pine Bush, "
Shawangunk	Vacant	90	5	5	4	...	8	181	4	2	.....	87	4	189	146.87	.....	1,228.90	Bruynswick, "
Unionville	William Coombs	15	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	.....	.....	...	1	45	.....	.....	80.00	Grahamsville, "
Walden	W. H. S. Demarest, S. C	155	9	22	2	...	6	324	6	2	.....	265	1	265	685.00	175.00	2,340.00	Walden, "
Wallkill Valley	M. T. Conklin	95	21	15	8	...	5	161	8	9	.....	...	1	181	131.80	27.46	1,005.99	Wallkill, "
Walpack (Upper)	Vacant	76	20	2	...	...	2	89	1	10	.....	...	2	110	.....	.....	.....	Dingman's Ferry, Pa.
Walpack (Lower)	Vacant	70	...	...	...	...	2	100	...	.....	.....	...	2	100	.....	.....	550.00	Bushkill, Pa.
Wawarsing	C. Van Oostenbrugge.	40	2	4	...	...	2	47	...	1	.....	...	1	70	26.00	5.00	500.00	Napanoch, New York.
	Total	2019	188	97	69	...	76	3682	79	88	225	1153	35	3332	$4,885.54	$983.14	$29,251.23	

Other Ministers.—James E. Bernart, Chester, N. Y.; John T. Demarest, D.D., New Brunswick, N. Y.; S. W. Mills, D.D., Port Jervis, N. Y William B. Darrach, Fishkill, N.Y.; G. S. Garretson, Dingman's Ferry, Pa.

Candidates.—A. M. Gilddon, Dakota.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Deceased.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. School Scholars.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First Poughkeepsie.	A. P. Van Giesen, S. C.	300	11	12	5	...	12	537	10	7	...	...	1	355	$2,055.70	$1,858.25	$3,538.37	Poughkeepsie.
Second Poughkeepsie	Wm. Bancroft Hill	140	18	12	9	...	7	334	3	13	...	...	1	151	1,813.00	803.00	5,282.00	"
Fishkill	Benj. E. Dickhaut	90	10	8	1	...	1	208	3	5	...	80	1	100	513.68	17.89	2,197.17	Fishkill.
Hopewell	Ernest Clapp	90	7	3	3	...	5	175	3	...	25	...	1	200	200.00	.....	2,400.00	Hopewell Junction.
New Hackensack	Wm. A. Dumont	88	11	...	3	...	1	152	1	9	...	...	1	130	393.24	23.75	1,742.00	New Hackensack.
Hyde Park	J. Ferguson Harris, P. E	58	1	...	...	...	1	110	1	1	...	40	1	54	77.01	58.00	1,358.55	Hyde Park.
Fishkill-on-Hudson	Charles W. Fritts	125	5	2	5	...	4	238	3	2	...	...	1	181	832.00	60.00	4,353.00	Fishkill-on-Hudson.
Rhinebeck	J. Howard Suydam	120	8	4	3	...	3	195	...	1	...	50	1	120	415.35	14.00	1,017.30	Rhinebeck.
Glenham	Peter S. Beekman	38	1	...	2	...	...	46	2	...	...	...	1	80	114.20	15.09	772.29	Glenham.
Cold Spring	Edw. J. Runk	30	2	2	3	...	1	46	2	...	6	25	1	43	62.95	.....	784.90	Cold Spring.
Millbrook	J. Edward Lyall	101	18	10	2	...	2	182	4	15	76	...	3	192	187.00	180.00	2,130.00	Millbrook.
	Total	1080	95	53	36	...	37	2323	39	55	107	195	19	1615	$7,861.08	$2,171.98	$28,520.50	

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. A. Mattice, Pine Plains, N. Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, 25 East 22d St., N. Y. City; Rev. H. Daten, Hawthorne, N. J.; Rev. F. F. Wilson, Asbury Park, N. J.; Rev. Philip W. Pitcher, Amoy, China.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Belmont	John Giffen, P. E.	30	31	14	..	..	..	45	6	5	....	....	1	120	.....	.....	$1,097	Belmont, New York City.
Bronxville	Vacant	30	1	11	..	..	1	77	3	..	....	....	1	53	$143	.....	928	Bronxville, W'stch'r Co., N.Y.
Cortlandtown	Francis M. Bogardus.	95	4	1	..	..	..	117	6	3	..	..	2	154	54	.....	1,100	Montrose, " " "
Fordham	Wm. F. Anderson	93	5	16	16	..	..	152	7	..	....	....	1	125	1,326	$168	4,557	Fordham, New York City.
Greenburgh	G. A. T. Goebel	40	..	2	..	..	1	41	4	..	....	....	1	56	32	.....	889	Elmsford, W'stch'r Co., N.Y.
Greenville	Joseph A. Harper	43	..	3	..	..	1	63	9	..	....	....	1	41	30	.....	910	Sparsdale, " " "
Hastings	James A. Norris	76	5	..	4	..	..	108	8	..	....	....	1	90	74	.....	1,700	Hastings-on-Hudson, " "
Melrose	George H. Miller	90	56	2	3	..	..	304	10	2	68	42	1	405	43	24	1,587	Elton Av. & 156th St., N.Y.City
Mount Vernon	C.K.Clearwater, (s.c.)	125	3	1	21	..	4	285	2	..	....	....	1	200	400	200	4,365	Mt. Vernon, W'stch'r Co., N.Y.
Park Hill	Wm. A. Beardsley	35	13	43	..	..	..	56	5	..	5	....	1	108	7	3	1,495	Yonkers, " " "
Peekskill	Henry De V. [illegible]	134	43	2	1	..	4	152	2	14	37	....	1	115	125	105	2,788	Peekskill, " " "
First, Tarrytown	John K. Allen	115	..	6	4	..	3	270	..	..	....	....	1	230	1,007	207	3,335	Tarrytown. " " "
Second, Tarrytown	E. E. Thomas	86	3	7	4	..	3	186	6	..	24	....	1	89	238	20	2,167	" " "
Unionville	Jas. Ingeneel	44	2	7	3	..	3	73	3	..	20	....	1	60	76	.....	1,017	Neperan, " " "
West Farms	D[illegible]ry Andrew	40	2	..	..	..	..	41	2	2	....	45	1	132	79	12	1,488	1295 Woodruff Av., N.Y.City.
Yonkers	David Cole	160	30	8	*36	..	8	414	9	10	120	....	1	300	753	251	6,257	Yonkers, W'stch'r Co., N. Y.
	Total	1236	198	123	92	..	28	2184	82	36	274	87	17	2284	$4,389	$990	$35,780	

Other Ministers—Rev. John A. Todd, Rev. George Rockwell, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Rev. Wm. Brush, Morristown, N. J.; Rev. W. W. Rand, Sec. Amer. Tract Society, 150 Nassau St., N. Y.; Rev. Howard Harris, Foreign Missionary, Japan.; Rev. Wm. S. Moore, Neperan, N. Y.; Rev. J. Henry Bertholf, Yonkers, N. Y.

Licentiate—Henry J. Bogardus, M. D., Jersey City, N. J.

*18 dismissed to form Park Hill Church.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1893.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.
				Rec'd.												Benevolent.			
				On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominat'n'l Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Arcot	23	17	1630	110	111	115	23	45	1883	221	107	2799	1726	119	4372	$1,357	$418	$598	Rev. John Scudder.
Hudson	11	12	1112	51	48	38	1	34	2013	50	20	71	712	18	1734	4,591	782	19,592	" J. W. Vaughan.
Kingston	15	12	1487	102	57	69	2	49	2719	107	28	743	374	27	2988	2,002	416	21,422	" Herman Hageman.
North Long Island	24	26	2348	245	119	99	2	82	3934	529	39	33	989	27	7277	7,882	1,525	63,014	" William H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island	20	32	2431	267	186	94	0	60	4734	322	42	1167	1795	29	6777	14,144	15,255	75,954	" John S. Gardner.
New York	22	43	3959	766	358	244	2	104	8553	510	108	994	3053	35	10804	67,588	21,874	100,758	" William Vaughan.
Orange	23	20	2019	188	97	69	0	76	3632	79	83	225	1153	35	3332	4,885	983	29,251	" W. H. S. Demarest.
Poughkeepsie	11	16	1080	95	53	36	0	37	2323	39	55	107	195	19	1615	7,864	2,475	28,520	" A. P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	16	21	1236	198	123	92	0	28	2184	32	36	274	87	17	2284	4,389	990	35,780	" Charles K. Clearwater.
Total	165	199	17302	2022	1152	856	30	515	31975	1889	518	6413	9784	326	41183	$115,302	$44,718	$374,889	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by Sub-committees on the Minutes of each Classis as follows, and the reports were severally accepted and adopted:

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Hudson report that they have so examined them and found them neatly and correctly kept.

GEO. W. SCARLET,
J. L. SNYDER.

Classis of Kingston.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Kingston report that they have examined the records of that Classis and find nothing calling for comment, except the answers of the Churches to the constitutional questions, viz.: To questions one, four and five, all answer "yes;" question two is answered by six "yes," by six "in part," and by three, "no." To question six, all say "yes," but one. Seven churches contribute to all the Boards and Funds, five to a part only, and three to none.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BAUMEISTER,
FRANCIS BACON.

North Classis of Long Island.—Your Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of North Long Island Classis report that they have discharged their duty and find said Minutes correctly kept. On the Constitutional questions we find one, four, five and six answered affirmatively by all the churches. Two, three and seven, several churches answered "No."

J. N. MORRIS.
A. P. PITCHER.

South Classis of Long Island.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Long Island South, beg leave to report that the Committee has examined the Minutes and has discovered nothing to which to call the attention of the Particular Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. RUSK, *Chairman.*
R. N. PERLEE.

Classis of New York.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of New York would respectfully report they find them neatly kept and according to the requirements of our Constitution in all particulars.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. McCREADY,
T. A. VAN WAGNER,
Committee.

Classis of Orange.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Orange state that the Book has not been read. A telegram relates the fact that by mistake the book was not sent.

E. G. ACKERMAN, *Chairman.*

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie have examined the same and found them to be correct.

G. A. F. GOEBEL, *Chairman of Committee.*

Classis of Westchester.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Westchester respectfully report that they find the Minutes neatly and correctly kept.

The Constitutional questions appear to have been answered as follows:

Question 1 answered affirmatively by 15 ceurches; negatively by 1.

Question 2 answered affirmatively by 5; negatively by 11.

Question 3 answered affirmatively by 7; negatively by 9.

Question 4 answered affirmatively by 15; negatively by 1.

Question 5 answered affirmatively by 14; negatively by 2.

Question 6 answered affirmatively by 14; negatively by 2.

Question 7 answered affirmatively by 6; negatively by 10.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HAGEMAN,

JOHN H. PATRIE.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to by the Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon, after the organization, was passed in devotional exercises, led by the Vice-President.

The first half hour of the Wednesday morning session was also spent in devotional exercises, led by the President.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the evening of the first day, immediately after the Synodical sermon. The form was read by the President of the Synod. The bread was administered by the Rev. H. Hageman, and the cup by the Rev. H. C. Berg.

The distribution of the elements was made by the Elders, R. N. Perley and J. E. Mastin.

The bar of the house was defined.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a committee of arrangements be appointed to select those who are to assist in conducting the religious

exercises; to fix the hours of meeting and adjournment during this session of Synod; the time for the reading of papers and the hearing of the Representatives of the Boards.

The President appointed to serve as such Committee the Revs. Madison C. Peters and Samuel T. Searle, and Elder Richard Stout.

The Committee reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Synodical Sermon and Communion Services as recorded and provided by the Rules of Order. The papers and addresses to be delivered at the Wednesday morning session, as follows: the Rev. B. E. Dickhaut to read his paper at 10 o'clock; the Rev. Dr. Wells to speak on behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions at 10.20; the Rev. J. P. Searle for Domestic Missions at 10.40; the Rev. J. Howard Suydam, D.D., to read his paper at 11; the hour for adjournment Tuesday afternoon to be 5.30; the sermon to be preached at 8 o'clock of the same evening; Wednesday morning session to commence at 9 o'clock and adjourn at 12.30; the session of Wednesday afternoon, if any, to meet at 2 o'clock.

MADISON C. PETERS,

S. T. SEARLE,

RICHARD STOUT.

The Rev. B. E. Dickhaut read a paper on "The Waste of Energy in Modern Church Work"; the Rev. Dr. Suydam read a paper on "The Larger Truth"; and it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be given to our Essayists, the Revs. J. H. Suydam and B. E. Dickhaut, for the able and suggestive papers they have read at this session.

An animated discussion followed the presentation of the cause of Foreign and Domestic Missions, after which Synod arose and joined in the singing of the Doxology and was led in prayer by the Rev. John H. Oerter.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New York has heard with high appreciation the addresses of the representatives of the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions and that, with thanks to the Rev. Dr. Wells and the Rev. J. P. Searle for the messages they have brought us, we commission them to bear to the Boards of Missions our congratulations and also the resolve of this Synod to use our utmost endeavors to so advance the standard of contributions of the churches within our bounds as to obviate the necessity of either contracting debts or, diminishing appropriations where the full amount called for is needed.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations be requested to select persons for reading papers at the next regular meeting of the Synod.

The Committee reported as follows, which was accepted as adopted: To read papers on subjects selected by themselves, the Rev. Abel H. Huizinga, Ph. D. Primarius, with Rev. J. Edward Lyall as Secundus. The Rev. R. H. Beattie, Primarius, with the Rev. William J. Anderson as Secundus.

The following action was taken:

Whereas, The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America has repeatedly endorsed and commended the object and work of the American Sabbath Union; and,

Whereas, By the death of the lamented Colonel Elliot F. Shepard, the Union has not only lost its devoted and efficient President, but also almost entirely, its pecuniary resources: therefore

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New York commends the American Sabbath Union and its work and earnestly solicits from the churches within its bounds, at their earliest convenience, contributions for the prosecution of its work in its pecuniary emergency.

The following action was taken:

Whereas, The English version of the Heidelberg Catechism,

translated from the Dutch text under the supervision of the Rev. Dr. Livingston, was adopted by the Synod of 1792–93,

Resolved, That in this centennial year of the aforesaid English version of the Heidelberg Catechism, the Particular Synod of New York overtures General Synod to take such action as will worthily represent the appreciation of the Church of a century's work of this English version of the Catechism and to restore if possible the Confessional harmony that is disturbed by the substitution of the new English version for the old.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies (450) of the Minutes of this session of Synod.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to procure the binding of two copies of the Minutes of this Synod covering the ten years of 1884–93 inclusive, one to be preserved in the archives of the Sage Library at New Brunswick, and one to be retained among the archives of the Synod.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the Particular Synod of New York are hereby extended to the Rev. Madison C. Peters and the Consistory and Congregation of the Bloomingdale Reformed Church for their Christian courtesy and generous hospitality in the entertainment of the Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer's presented the following account, which was referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's account, and their report, which was accepted and adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts respectfully beg leave to report that the Treasurer's accounts with vouchers have been placed in our own hands, examined, and found correct. Your Committee recommend that the Treasurer's report suggesting that there being sufficient funds on hand, the usual assessment on the Classes for the current year be omitted, be accepted and approved, and the aforesaid usual assessment be thus omitted for the current year.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN C. BERG, *Chairman.*

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Treasurer.*

1892.	Dr.	
May 12.	To Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for stationery and postage	$3.65
" 12.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for moving trunk from Synod rooms	50
" 12.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for doorkeeper at Brooklyn, New York	5.00
June 1.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for salary as Stated Clerk for the year ending May 1st, 1893,	100.00
Sept. 6.	" Cash paid Hosford & Sons for 450 copies of Minutes of 1892	146.50
1893.		
May 2.	" Cash balance due Synod to new account	249.57
		$505.22

1892.	Cr.	
May 5.	By Cash. Balance from old account	153.22
June 13.	" Cash from Rev. J. R. Duryee, Treasurer Classis of New York	65.00
Sept. 17.	" Cash from Nathan S. King, M.D., Treasurer Classis of Westchester	33.00
Oct. 11.	" Cash from R. M. Shepard, Esq., Treasurer Classis of Hudson	26.00
" 13.	" Cash paid Rev. W. W. Schomp, Treasurer Classis Kingston	35.09
" 22.	" Cash from Herman V. Shook, Esq., Treasurer North Classis of Long Island	57.00
Nov. 15.	" Cash from Rev. John S. Gardner, Treasurer South Classis of Long Island	57.00
Dec. 8.	" Cash from Rev. George W. Scarlet, Treasurer Classis of Orange	53.00
1893.		
April 13.	" Cash from Rev. H. P. Van Gieson, D.D., Treasurer Classis of Poughkeepsie	26.00
		$505.22

E. E. New York, May 2d, 1893.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER,
Treasurer.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Arcot.

Rev. John W. Conklin.
" J. W. Scudder.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. George D. Lydecker.	Elder F. H. Nelson.
" Benjamin A. Bartholf.	" Henry Brierman.
" Mortimer Smith.	" J. R. Gale.

SECUNDI.

Rev. W. W. Whitney.	Elder Wm. F. Crofts.
" J. Walter Vaughan.	" John H. Patrie.
" F. S. Schenck, D.D.	" J. C. Benham, M. D.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Calvin E. Lasher.	Elder Louis Hasbrouck.
" Paul T. Deyo.	" Hugh Donahue.
" Stephen D. Noyes.	" Reuben Bernard.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Abel H. Hiuzinga, Ph.D.	Elder Jonathan Deyo.
" Herman Hageman.	" J. L. Snyder.
" Samuel T. Searle.	" A. G. DeWitt.

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. S. Cranmer.	Elder James S. Burroughs.
" John H. Smock.	" John L. Bogart.
" James Demarest, D.D.	" David Master.
" Wm. H. Ten Eyck, D.D.	" Daniel V. Weeks.

SECUNDI.

Rev. R. H. Barr, Ph.D.	Elder F. D. Kouwenhoven.
" Alexander Shaw.	" Thomas S. Payntor.
" Franz Hartig.	" Claus Gerken.
" James S. N. Demarest.	" I. C. Hendrickson.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Alfred H. Brush.	Elder Williamson Rapalje.
" Daniel Van Pelt.	" W. R. Bennett.
" W. R. Davis, D.D.	" W. C. Spellman.
" Jacob Weber.	" B. Lazalere.

SECUNDI.

Rev. E. F. Hallenbeck.	Elder George W. Pool.
" A. P. Stockwell.	" John H. Ditmas.
" John E. Lloyd.	" Edgar Tilton.
" A. Messler Quick.	" Ditmas Jewell.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D.D.	Elder Peter Donald.
" Peter Stryker, D.D.	" W. A. Moore.
" W. J. Harsha, D.D.	" E. Bodine.
" G. Edwin Talmage.	" J. E. McElroy.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John Hutchins.	Elder Hon. H. W. Bookstaver.
" H. V. S. Myers, D.D.	" John Graham.
" Joseph R. Duryee.	" D. J. Stewart.
" J. Schlegel.	" Ralph N. Perlee.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII,

Rev. John L. Stillwell.	Elder W. H. Mills.
" Ame Vennema.	" E. M. Gordon.
" Hendrick A. Hendrickson.	" J. McElhone.
" Henry Unglaub.	" Valentine Wolf.

SECUNDI.

Rev. William Coombs.	Elder Frank V. Terbush.
" Walter Winant.	" George Little.
" C. Van Oostenbrugge.	" Benjamin Bevier, Md.
" David T. Harris.	" J. V. Morrison.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. C. S. Hageman, D. D.,	Elder John Place,
" Philip W. Pitcher,	" Garret Dubois.
" J. Edward Lyall.	" Samuel Drury.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Ernest Clapp.	Elder George Storm.
" A. P. Van Gieson, D.D.	" John W. Pelton.
" Peter S. Beekman.	" Karl Braasch.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John K. Allen, D. D.	Elder Nathan S. King, Md.
" William F. Anderson.	" Francis Bacon.
" J. Henry Bertholf.	" W. H. Valentine.

SECUNDI.

Rev. David Cole, D.D.	Elder Charles Stonebridge.
" James A. Norris.	" Henry S. Seeley.
" Charles K. Clearwater.	" W. J. Minnerly.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in Annual Session in the Reformed Church of New Utrecht, Long Island, on the first Tuesday in May, 1894, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned after prayer by the Rev. J. Howard Suydam, D.D., and the Apostolic benediction by the President.

Signed,

J. L. McNAIR, *President,*

BENJ. E. DICKHAUT, *Vice-President.*

EDGAR TILTON, JR., }
PALMER S. HULBERT, } *Temporary Clerks.*

DANIEL VAN PELT, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF THIS SYNOD SINCE THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTICULAR SYNODS, 1870–1893.

1870—Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D.....Yonkers.
1871—Rev. Goyn Talmage.....Flushing.
1872—Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D.....Rhinebeck.
1873—Rev. John A. Todd, D.D.....Tarrytown (1st).
1874—Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D.....Poughkeepsie (2d).
1875—Rev. John McC. Holmes, D.D.....Brooklyn (1st).
1876—Rev. David Inglis, D.D.....Port Jervis.
1877—Rev. Joachim Elmendorf.....Yonkers.
1878—Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D.D.....Newburgh.
1879—Rev. Charles I. Shepard.....Greenpoint.
1880—Rev. William Ormiston, D.D.....Mount Vernon.
1881—Rev. David Cole, D.D.....Mongomery.
1882—Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck.....Jamaica, L. I.
1883—Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M. D.....Brighton Heights, S. I.
1884—Rev. David N. Vanderveer.....New York (South).
1885—Rev. Herman C. Berg.....Yonkers.
1886—Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.....Newburgh.
1887—Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D.D., M.D. Claverack.
1888—Rev. William H. Gleason, D.D.....Kingston.
1889—Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D.....Poughkeepsie (1st).
1890—Rev. Lewis Francis.....N. Y. City (48 St. Col.)
1891—Rev. James Demarest, D.D.....Tarrytown (1st).
1892—Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye, D.D.....Brooklyn (South Bushwick).
1893—Rev. John L. McNair.....N.Y. City (Bloomingdale).

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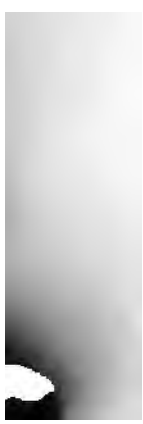

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THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE REFORMED CHURCH OF NEW UTRECHT, N. Y., ON THE 1ST OF MAY, 1894, AT 3 O'CLOCK, P. M., AND ADJOURNED AT 12:30 O'CLOCK, P. M., OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE SESSION.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by the retiring President, the Rev. John L. McNair, who also preached the Synodical sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from Mark 1:1, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.—*Minister*—

Classis of Hudson—*Ministers*—David M. Hunter, George H. Burrill, Philip Furbeck. *Elders*—Henry Miller, Henry J. Best.

Classis of Kingston.—Ministers—Paul T. Deyo, Calvin E. Lasher, John L. McNair, Joseph Millett. *Elders*—DuBois Le Fevre, William Palen, A. Van Dermark.

North Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—John H. Smock, Alfred Duncombe, Louis Hieber, Daniel Van Pelt. *Elder*—F. A. Lancashire.

South Classis of Long Island—Ministers—William T. E. Adams, John T. Bergen, John H. Jensen, Cornelius E. Wyckoff. *Elders*—Isaac E. Bergen, Samuel Rowland, Samuel Elliott.

Classis of New York—Ministers—Charles B. Chapin, G. J. Folmsbee, Alfred E. Myers. *Elders*—John S. Bussing, William N. Clark, W. P. Howell.

Classis of Orange.—Ministers—Gilbert Lane, Ame Vennema, J. E. Bernard. *Elders*—

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Ministers—J. Edward Lyall, Edward J. Runk. *Elders*—Jacob L. Tremper, H. B. Rosa.

Classis of Westchester—Ministers—J. A. Norris, J. A. Hodson, David Cole, D.D. *Elders*—Francis Bacon, Samuel Keeler, George Stewart.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. Ame Vennema was chosen President, and the Rev. Philip Furbeck, Vice-President. The Revs. J. Edward Lyall and William T. E. Adams were chosen Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST.

The Minutes of the Session of 1893 were read, and the printed record of them approved. The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were the Standing Committees :

On Synodical Minutes.—*Ministers*—Philip Furbeck, J. E. Bernard, George H. Burrill. *Elders*—DuBois Le Fevre, F. A. Lancashire, Samuel Elliott.

On Classical Minutes.—*Arcot.*— ——— ——— *Hudson.*—Rev. E. J. Runk. *Elder*—Francis Bacon. *Kingston.*—Rev. Louis Hieber. *Elder*—H. B. Rosa. *North Long Island.*—Rev. David M. Hunter. *Elder*—R. Van Dermark. *South Long Island.*—Rev. Gilbert Lane. *Elder*—DuBois Le Fevre. *New York.*—Rev. J. T. Bergen. *Elder*—Henry J. Best. *Orange.*—Rev. Chas. B. Chapin. *Elder*—John S. Bussing. *Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. J. A. Norris. *Elder*—William N. Clark. *Westchester.*—Rev. C. E. Lasher. *Elder*—George Stewart.

On Classical Reports, or the State of Religion.—*Ministers*—Alfred E. Myers, David M. Hunter, Joseph Millett. *Elders*—Wm. N. Clark, Francis Bacon, Isaac E. Bergen.

On the Treasurer's Account.—*Ministers*—John L. McNair, C. E. Wyckoff, G. J. Folmsbee. *Elders*—John S. Bussing, Samuel Rowland, William Palen.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—*Ministers*—Calvin E. Lasher, Gilbert Lane, J. A. Norris. *Elders*—George Stewart, Henry Miller, J. L. Tremper.

On Nominations.—*Ministers*—David Cole, J. T. Bergen, Chas. B. Chapin. *Elders*—H. B. Rosa, Samuel Keeler, Henry J. Best.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, informing Synod that the Rev. J. H. Whitehead, of the Classis of Paramus, had been appointed by said Board to represent it at this session of Synod.

Referred to Committee of Arrangements.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, informing Synod that the Rev. William H. Vroom, of Paramus, N. J., would represent said Board at this session of the Synod.

Referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

A communication was received from the Rev. A. DeWitt Mason, Editor of "*The Mission Field*," asking for a hearing before Synod on behalf of this publication, and asking for a specified hour to be heard.

Referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

A communication was received from the Rev. Benjamin E. Dickhaut, Pastor of the Reformed Church of Fishkill Village, N. Y., inviting Synod in behalf of his consistory to meet in that church at its next annual session in 1895.

The invitation was accepted, and the Stated Clerk directed to communicate that fact to the church, with the thanks of Synod.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully submit the following report: We have examined the Minutes of the General Synod of 1893, and the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago, New Brunswick and New York, and find nothing in them requiring any action or notice of this Synod. It may not however be improper to call the attention

of the Synod to the recommendation in regard to Systematic Beneficence on page 828, of the Minutes of General Synod of 1893, emphasizing the importance of studying and cultivating this grace more abundantly in all our churches.

P. FURBECK, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS, OR THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on Classical Reports, or the State of Religion, reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted :

This body is honored in having at the head of its list of Classes the Missionary Classis of Arcot. This Synod is named from the great cosmopolitan city whose keels cut all waters and whose lines go out to the ends of the world. But these strange Indian names mingled with the names of brethren who have gone out from us and are still of us, remind us of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, which claims for its subjects the inhabitants of every clime, and heaven and eternity as well as earth and time.

The Synod consists of nine Classes, and reports are at hand from all. The reports are of two kinds, descriptive and tabular. The descriptive reports are supposed to embody a brief account of the progress or condition of each congregation, together with a general statement of the condition of the Classis or leading events *of its history* during the preceding

year. The tables give the numbers and present the condition and achievements of the churches as far as that can be done by arithmetical statement.

The Classis of Arcot is flourishing. Its report compares exceedingly well with that of one of the Classes of this Synod which has the same number of churches on its roll. The annual Helpers' Conference is a means of great blessing. The Christian Endeavor Society seems to be as useful as in America. The honored workers are in good heart. The influence of this Classis must be powerful for good. A reported advance however of twenty per cent, in the contributions to various funds, notwithstanding the severity of the times is not borne out by the figures in the tabulated statement—a discrepancy which is probably susceptible of explanation.

The Classis of Hudson gives general cheering reports of quiet growth and progress, make special mention of Young People's Societies as helpful, and says there has been a slight increase in contributions to Benevolent objects, allowing for the special efforts last year to wipe out the debts of the Boards.

The Classis of Kingston reports twenty less families than last year—but this may be due to a closer count. A diminution in Benevolent and Congregational contributions is mentioned, and a total in communion less by twenty than last year. Yet the year has been a good year, even where there has been no marked revival.

The North Classis of Long Island makes mention of an increase of $20,000 in Benevolent and Congregational expenditures over the year 1893. Growth and prosperity are specially manifest in large accessions by confession, in the number of catechumens and in ample attendance on the Sunday schools.

The South Classis of Long Island reports steady growth in all its churches, large accessions to some of them, and excellent condition of the Sunday schools.

The Classis of New York reports general activity and prosperity. While there are some very strong churches, there are

others which have a struggle for existence, usually turning on the financial question.

The Classis of Orange has been making very special and successful efforts to fill its vacant pulpits. Its Benevolent contributions are said to beequal to those of the previous year.

The Classis of Poughkeepsie reports only a hopeful condition of affairs in the churches.

The Classis of Westchester on the whole reports cheeringly. There is variety in its narratives. Its churches are affected, some favorably and others unfavorably, by the changes of population. No great awakening has occurred, but in some instances there is warm spiritual feeling and earnest Christian activity.

The Synod at large contains in 1894, one more church and two more ministers. About 400 less families are reported, but families are hard to count, especially in the cities. During the year 224 more persons have been received by confession than in 1892, an increase of over ten per cent. above the number received in 1893 ; by certificate, six more than last year. Thirty-nine more certificates of dismission have been granted than last year. The same number is reported as suspended, two-thirds of the list being in the Classis of Arcot. More communicants have died than in the preceding twelve months. The total now in communion is 32,838, an increase over last year's total of 863. 126 more infants and 133 more adults have been baptized. The baptized non-communicants are less by 284.

The number of catechumens is 114 less than in 1893. There are six more Sunday schools and 1,468 more scholars than last year. For Denominational Benevolent purposes, the year has seen a falling off of $47,389. The special effort of the preceding year to clear away the debts of the Boards, resulted in the raising of about $40,000. Therefore the Boards will have received about $7,000 less than last year, the above-mentioned effort excluded.

For Benevolent objects not denominational the exhibit is of $185,514, as compared with $44,718 in 1893. A special gift of a Mission building in New York is said to account for about

three-sevenths of this difference of about $140,000. In congregational expenses there has been a decrease of about five per cent. below the expenditures of last year, viz: 1894, $357,680; 1893, $374,889.

We recommend the following action:

Whereas, Some Classes furnish no report from some of the congregations within their bounds,

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of each Classis is requested not only to use all dilligence to obtain both kinds of reports from all the churches; but in the event of failure to receive any report, the Stated Clerk is requested to furnish to the Committee on the State of Religion in the Classis such information as he possesses as to the non-reporting churches.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED E. MYERS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

The year has been a prosperous one, there being an advance in nearly every department of our work. One hundred and thirty-three (133) persons have been received into the churches on confession, and one hundred and fifty-seven (157) adults baptized. Several new congregations have been formed. The column of communicants, as well as that of catechumens, shows a gratifying net increase. The contributions to various funds have advanced by twenty per cent. over last year, and this notwithstanding the severity of the times. A decided growth in spiritual life is also reported from many of the churches, caused in a large measure by the Christian Endeavor movement, and the introduction of the religious festival. The annual Helper's Conference is becoming a genuine feast of tabernacles. That of last September was attended by three hundred Christian workers and was remarkable for the deep spiritual fervor manifested. There are many instances of voluntary service, and real self denial for the Gospel's sake, on the part of the native Christians, showing that the Christian community is rising to a higher plane of Christian living.

We have dismissed, with reluctance, the Rev. John W.

Conklin to the Classis of Passaic, and have not yet been permitted to welcome anyone to take his place.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. WYCKOFF, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

Your Committee on the State of Religion has received and considered carefully reports from all the churches. By our eleven churches there have been received on confession ninety-one; on certificate, twenty-six; dismissed, forty-two; died, forty. For Denominational objects, $3,516; other objects, $980; Congregational, $21,276. For Benevolence not far below our usual liberality, and an increase for Congregational. The reports of the churches show faithful and devoted work, usual prosperity, and great encouragement.

First Claverack.—The year has been one of quiet prosperity. We have had no season of special religious interest; but the church has made a small net gain in its membership. If we deduct the special contribution made last year toward the debt of the Boards, our contributions to Denominational objects have slightly increased.

Gallatin.—The usual work has been performed and good has resulted. A deacon died last year, which saddened many hearts, but God overruled it for good in the conversion of his father. The young people attend Divine services, are interested and impressed, but delay confessing Christ.

Germantown.—The church was never more harmonious and prosperous. A kitchen and dining room added to the church during the year. The attendance on preaching is large.

Greenport.—This church laments the fact that it has lost by death and removals many of its best workers and supporters During the past four years we have lost four elders by death, who, for more than a score of years, were the pillars of the church. Their places as workers and givers have not been filled.

The loss seriously cripples all the financial and benevo work of the church. Discouraged in some respects but not down.

Hudson.—The year has been one of ordinary prosperity. young people of the church maintain the Christian Endea King's Daughters, Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, growing interest and success. The ladies have maintained t various organizations in great efficiency. The Sunday sc flourishes; it has adopted the Blakedell Graded Lesson tem, and finds it stimulating. Quite a large number are gaged in reading the Bible through in one year, and meet e week in a Bible reading conference. The Benevolence of church has been well maintained. We have peace and spiri health prevailing.

Linlithgo.—Our work is much the same from year to y This year Christian character has certainly been develo The various organizations for doing the Master's work been active. The amount of money contributed for Ben lence is less than last year, but our people have not been charitable. We rely on God for help, yet believe faith witl works is dead.

Livingston.—The church has more than held its own in n bers and spirituality; though suffered loss by removals depression of business. The Young People's Society Chris Endeavor and Sabbath schools have been well sustained, productive of great good to the church, religiously and fi cially. The Week of Prayer was observed and extended three weeks, resulting in the conversion of eight, and renev the religious life of many others. Benevolence has been than usual.

Mellenville.—The church expresses its gratitude to God the number who have been converted in connection with Week of Prayer and subsequent meetings. We had anticip less for Benevolence, owing to depression of business and cha of system, but are glad to report our fears were not realize

Philmont.—The regular Sabbath and week day services been faithfully maintained. The Sunday school has an

creased attendance. The Christian Endeavor, the Women's Missionary Union, and the Ladies' Aid Society, are vigorous and fruitful of great good. By the rich grace of God we are enabled to report twenty-four additions to our church, making at the close of our second year 173 enrolled members. The financial support both for home and benevolent objects has been exceedingly liberal.

Upper Red Hook.—The duties and privileges of the church have been performed and enjoyed. Harmony prevails, but all are not active in the use of their talents. Five of the scholars of the Sabbath school have united with the church, showing a noble example to others, and giving encouragement to teachers. The Benevolent work is excellent.

West Copake.—The ordinances of the church have been well sustained, attendance good. There has been no special revival interest, yet thirteen have united with the church on confession, and three on certificate. The Christian Endeavor is prospering, also the Sunday school. A Ladies' Missionary Society has been lately organized with forty members. Benevolence good, but should be far better. Our people have been more liberal for Congregational purposes than usual.

E. G. ACKERMAN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully reports: Reports have been received from all the churches. From a careful consideration there are reasons for joy and others for sorrow. The number of families reported is less by twenty than last year. 103 were received on confession, that is one more than in 1893. Fifty-seven received on certificate is the same as in 1893. The dismissions and deaths being deducted, the gain is twenty-three. No doubt owing to revised rolls, the total now in communion is twenty less than in 1893. There are 132 less in Sunday schools, $388.50 less contributed for Denominational objects, and $52.24 less for other objects than in 1893. For Congregational purposes $4,078.40 less were contributed than in 1893.

The churches speak substantially as follows:

Bloomingdale.—The Lord has blessed His work in this church. The Young People's Society having existed for three years, has during the past year become a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. It bids fair to do a noble work for the Master. The Sabbath school is "doing grandly." The increase to its membership being twenty-eight. About four hundred dollars have been expended on the church. Owing to the hard times the benevolent offerings have not amounted to what is desired. God's continual blessing is sought.

Clove Church.—The services at this church have been regularly maintained and well attended. There have been accessions to the church for which God is praised. Half of the additions on confession were from the "Clove Chapel District." A feature of the Consistorial report worthy of imitation is, that a correspondence has been opened with "absent members," and many have been dismissed. The contributions of this church fall not far short of the last year. God being with them, their purpose is to press forward.

Dashville Falls.—Since the resignation of Rev. H. T. Jones, the church has been vacant. Recently Rev. Dr. Wheaton, of the Reformed Church of Esopus, has been engaged as stated supply for the afternoon of each Lord's day. The people are interested in his presentation of the truth. The Sunday school flourishes and grows rapidly.

Gardiner.—The church of Gardiner was dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, September 7, 1893. The sermon was preached by the late Rev. S. D. Noyes, D.D. Since that time the Sunday offerings and the gifts of the the Consistory towards the furnace, and of the "Ladies' Aid" towards the organ have been generous. The Sunday School has raised for "Church Builders" $7.24. The seven received on confession indicate God's blessing upon this new organization.

Guilford.—There has been no special work of grace in this church. The brethren dwell together in unity. There has been no interruption in the administration of church ordinances. The Sunday schools and Young People's Society of

Christian Endeavor prosper. Hopefully they look to the Head of the Church for an ingathering from seed faithfully and prayerfully sown.

Hurley.—The church services, prayer meetings and Sunday school have been maintained as usual. An interesting feature among the young girls from seven to sixteen years of age, is the formation of a "Volunteer Circle," that interests itself in Missions and other work among the needy. The Denominational objects have been presented with fair results. Three were received on confession at the March communion, and others wish to unite in June.

Kingston Fair Street.—During the year the stated means of grace were enjoyed. But the beloved, loving, sympathetic and eloquent pastor, Rev. S. D. Noyes, D.D., on March 14, while the bell was ringing for evening worship was suddenly called hence. The tidings saddened the people he served and the city. The faithful seed sowing was then yielding its increase, as he yielded up his spirit to God who gave it. The membership of the church has been revived. They mourn the departure of valued members, and during the present month that of elder Augustus Schoonmaker. Larger attendance at church services, week day prayer-meeting and Christian Endeavor meetings is specified, and also increased contributions to Missions. The lecture room has been renovated at a cost of $1,200. The church is in excellent condition. They enter upon another year of work for the Master with renewed consecration and the earnest prayer "that He will establish the work of our hands upon us."

Krumville.—This church has been destitute of preaching for the past year. The Sunday school has been kept up. Elder Hugh Donohue is the Superintendent. The condition of that school now is good. The report says, "Classis must take such action as is thought best."

Lyonsville.—The services of the church have been maintained during the year. The Sunday schools and prayer-meetings have also been held. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been administered twice during the year.

Marbletown.—The long vacancy had its effect in smaller attendance and diminished contributions. However a member of one family has been interested in seeing that regular contributions have been made for Denominational objects; otherwise they would have been less than now reported. Since the settlement of a pastor the attendance has increased, and there are favorable indications of the Holy Spirit's presence. Fifty-two dollars have been contributed by the Christian Endeavor Society to the Arabian Mission. The desire devoutly cherished is, that increased activity on the part of Christians should be manifested, and a higher standard of piety reached, while the self-satisfied indifference of the world is deplored.

North Marbletown.—This church the past year "has been in the trough and not on the crest of the wave." No accessions are reported on confession. Two elders have died, viz, Cornelius Oliver and Gilbert Palen. Their loss is felt. The Ladies' Missionary Society and a Christian Endeavor Society are among their agencies for advancing the Kingdom of Christ. Enjoying again the stated ministrations of the Word they hope "for a large advance in coming years in true piety and in all that makes for healthy growth and church life and work."

New Paltz.—The services in the church, the prayer-meetings and Sunday schools in various districts have been maintained with vigor. The various causes of benevolence have been presented, and the total donated is gratifying. Accessions have been made to their number on confession and by certificate. God has been with them and they hope for larger results in the future as they plead and rely upon the promises of a covenant-keeping God.

Rochester.—Last year, in June, a Ladies' Missionary Society was organized. Success has attended it. The services have been maintained and that with interest. Fourteen members, nine of them on confession, have been received. By dismissions and death fifteen have been lost.

Rosendale.—Sends statistical labor. From that we gather that God blessed the labors of their pastor inasmuch as eleven were received on confession. The Sunday schools are large,

and the amount raised for Congregational purposes beyond the average of past years. In the coming of Rev. Wm. Coombs, P.E., it is hoped by the Committee that their offerings to Denominational objects will be large.

St. Remy.—The attendance upon the preaching of the Word has been good. Though the ingathering was not large, the great Head of the Church has blessed this church with some evidence of His presence and power to save. The Sabbath school flourished, and from it many yet by the "Conquering Christ" will be gathering into His Church. Earnest prayers ascend for the Holy Spirit to quicken languishing graces and convert those unsaved.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The pastoral relation between Rev. H. T. Jones and the Church of Dashville Falls, was dissolved on July 24, 1893, and he was dismissed to the South Classis of Long Island; also between Rev. J. N. Morris and the Church of Rosendale, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Newark, February 1st, 1894. The Rev. Wm. Coombs, of Grahamsville, has been called to Rosendale, and expects to enter upon his labors in May. Rev. S. D. Noyes, D.D., of Kingston, died suddenly on March 14, 1894, and entered upon his reward.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. SEARLE, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee on the State of Religion has received Consistorial reports from all the churches except *East Williamsburg* and *Grace, Woodhaven.* These reports have been carefully examined, and we present a few thoughts suggested by the perusal. Quite generally, the prevailing material depression is spoken of as having seriously affected results. It is pleasant to note, therefore, that nevertheless there is general rejoicing over what has been accomplished. As a Classis, we have grown; and it is gratifying that this growth is manifest particularly in accessions on confession of faith, in the number of those who

are under regular catechetical instruction, and in enlarged attendance in the Sabbath schools. With such seed planting and cultivation we may confidently expect large future ingathering. Alongside of spiritual work done, it is encouraging to read of church buildings being renovated and improved and parsonages erected; encouraging to know that even in hard times, the churches of Classis have during the year contributed to Christian work, Benevolent and Congregational, almost $20,000, more than in the prosperous year immediately preceding.

In closing this part of our report, we would call attention to the general omission of report of baptized non-communicants.

We quote from the remarks in the reports.

Jamaica.—All departments of church work have been carried on in a harmonious manner, and the word to be written as a declaration of the result is, "success." Services well attended, and, at times, deep, spiritual feeling manifested.

Newtown.—We again report a vacancy in the pastorate of our church. A new parsonage will be begun in a few weeks. The Mission school at Winfield continues to grow steadily, and among the number who have come to us during the year, have been five from this mission, the first fruits of the labor of many years.

Oyster Bay.—Nothing aside from the usual annual experiences of a purely rural congregation has occurred.

North Hempstead.—No remarks.

Williamsburg.—No remarks.

Astoria.—A change of pastors, and yet an encouraging condition of affairs for the new beginning.

Flushing.—There has been increase in attendance at the services and a steady gain in the Sunday school and the various societies. A junior Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized. At the recent communion thirty-eight new members were added to the church on confession, the largest

number ever received at one time in the history of the church. The presence of the Spirit with His people has been realized in an unwonted degree.

Kent Street, Brooklyn.—The year has been fruitful, with more than usual religious interest. At the last communion, twenty-seven united on confession, and a larger number are expected to be received soon. Increased activity is manifest in all our Christian work. The Benevolence of the church has been very marked, much the largest amount ever given in any one year of the church's history. By an almost unanimous vote, it was decided to make all the pews free at the evening service.

South Bushwick.—The year has been pleasantly prosperous, much substantial development having been realized. The Sunday school has outgrown its large building, and fills the church edifice as well. Large improvements have been made to the property, all of which have been paid for. Arrangements are being made for a proper recognition of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the present pastorate on July 1.

Second, Astoria.—Our services have been well attended ; our Sunday school has increased in numbers ; our contributions to benevolent objects have been greater than ever before, and our finances are in a healthy condition.

East Williamsburg.—No report or remarks.

Queens.—Nothing of unusual interest has occurred. No marked signs of spirituality ; but steady work carried on in all departments, with, on the whole, a little less prosperity. People coming into the community to supply the places of those who go, are, as a rule, little interested in church affairs. Prayer meeting, Endeavor Society and Sabbath schools well sustained.

German Evangelical, Brooklyn.—The sixteenth ward is becoming a Jewish district, and the outlook is becoming darker and our financial condition more embarassing. We hold our own as well as we can, and with the Lord's help will hold on as long as we can.

Sayville.—Our pulpit, long vacant, was filled by the settlement of a pastor. A parsonage has been built and the moving expenses of the new pastor met. Religious services are well and faithfully attended, and our membership was increased since the last report by thirteen.

Locust Valley.—This church still maintains her vitality and activity notwithstanding the discouraging outlook. The field is wide enough and populous enough for a strong church. We maintain our ground with faith that God will aid those who serve Him.

College Point.—Along established lines of work there has been fruitfulness and promises. Many are preparing for reception into the church, and we have never been in better financial condition. Our total contributions are still increasing and we close the year with a balance in the treasury.

First Reformed, Long Island City.—Our work has been attended with many tokens of Divine favor. Neighborhood prayer-meetings have resulted in great good to many families. A Woman's Auxiliary has been organized. The spiritual life of the church has been deepened ; and though nearly one-half of our people were unemployed several months, we are none behind in giving to the Lord's cause. The Sabbath school was never so largely attended, nor its offerings so liberal as now.

Bushwick.—Though pastorless our work is flourishing in every department.

German Evangelical, Jamaica.—November 5, 1893, we celebrated the twentieth anniversary of our church. We have much cause for gratitude and hope. Sabbath audiences have been large, and the Sabbath school and mid-week meetings maintained as usual.

Hicksville.—We are struggling to become self-supporting. but the hard times have been keenly felt. Our Christian Endeavor and Ladies' Aid Societies are gaining, and doing good work.

German Second, Newtown.—Though suffering extremely from the hard times good work has been done. The church, the Sunday school and our Benevolent contributions have all increased. In spring we hope to commence the building of a parsonage.

Steinway.—No remarks.

Grace, Woodhaven.—The Committee reports in the appended table, the facts concerning this church as they were recently reported to our Board of Domestic Missions.

Church of Jesus, Brooklyn.—Our services are well attended and membership increased. We need a church, the plans are drawn and we hope to begin soon.

New Hyde Park.—No remarks.

The following ministerial changes have taken place:

The Rev. John Hoffman was received from the Classis of Rochester, May 15, 1893, and installed pastor of the Church at Sayville, June 5, 1893. The licentiate, Mr. Alfred Duncombe, was received from the South Classis of Bergen, May 29, 1893, and ordained to the Gospel Ministry and installed pastor of the Church of North Hempstead, June 22, 1893. The licentiate, Mr. Frederick W. Hock, was received from the Presbytery of Jersey City, June 26, 1893, and ordained to the Gospel Ministry and installed pastor of the German Church of Newtown, July 17, 1893. The Rev. August Gunther was received from the Classis of New York (Reformed Church in the United States), July 17, 1893, and installed pastor of the Church of Jesus, September 6, 1893. The Rev. Louis Hieber was received from the Classis of Rensselaer, October 17, 1893, and installed pastor of the Church of New Hyde Park, November 10, 1893. The pastoral relation between the Rev. Wm. S. Cranmer and the Church of Astoria was dissolved November 1, 1893, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Raritan the same day. The pastoral relation between the Rev. L. Wm. Hones and the Church of East Williamsburg was dissolved November 1, 1893, and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Hudson, January 5, 1894. The pastoral relation between the Rev. T. Calvin

McClelland and the Bushwick Church was dissolved, and he was dismissed to the South Classis of Long Island, November 13, 1893. The pastoral relation between the Rev. F. J. Kraushar and Grace Church, Woodhaven, was dissolved, and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Jersey City, N. J., December 18, 1893. The Rev. Daniel Van Pelt was received from the South Classis of Long Island, February 19, 1894, and installed pastor of the Church at Astoria, March 15, 1894. The pastoral relation between the Rev. Howard W. Ennis, and the Church at Newtown was dissolved, and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Washington City, February 19, 1894.

The Rev John M. Wagner, who had been a member of this Classis since 1866, died after a short illness January 21, 1894.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BAUMEISTER, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to offer the following Report:

There have come into our hands, Consistorial reports from all the churches of the Classis, except *St. Thomas* and *Ridgewood.*

And while there has been no striking evidence of a special work of grace among our churches during the year, the steady growth in all of them, and large accessions to some of our more prominent churches, is cause for devoutest gratitude to the Great Head of the Church.

The additions by confession of faith have been, in several cases, in excess of those of last year, and the same thing is true of our accessions by certificate, but this latter fact may be accounted for, perhaps, by the additions that have come to us through new families that have become identified with our Church and denomination.

There has been an excessive mortality among the members of some of our congregations, and this fact, connected with that other fact that several of our churches present revised lists of membership, will explain the apparent discrepancy between last year's report and that of the current year. The Sabbath

school work within the bounds of the Classis never was in a more hopeful and prosperous condition, as will be apparent from a studied comparison of the figures and ends reached this year, when placed side by side with those of the previous year. There has been a perceptible falling behind in our Benevolence, however, in many of our churches, but this may be accounted for in whole, or in part at least, by the stringency in the financial markets, but nevertheless, the showing in nearly every case is highly commendable and most satisfactory.

The following is a summary of the interesting items as they have been gathered from the several reports :

First Reformed.—No report, except statistical table.

Centennial Chapel.—No report.

Flatbush says : In reviewing the work of the church in its various departments, we find nothing of a special character in reference to the spiritual condition of our church to report. The Word of God, in accordance with the doctrines of the Church has been faithfully preached every Sabbath by our pastor, or in his absence by supplies. The Sacraments have been duly administered at the regular appointed seasons, and all the ordinances of the Church carefully observed.

The Mission Work of the church still remains in charge of Rev. W. H. Boocock, who labors faithfully and acceptably for the spiritual welfare of those within his field of labor. A new church building for the use of the Mission (Grace Chapel) has been erected on Lincoln Road, corner of Bedford Avenue, during the past year.

The prayer-meetings in the different sections of the congregation having been sustained with about the usual attendance. The Sunday schools of the church are in a prosperous condition, and are conducted by competent superintendents, assisted by faithful teachers, who are deeply interested in the welfare of their scholars. The pastor gives his valuable aid and has charge of the Young Ladies' Bible Class. He also holds a special service, with sermon, in the Sunday school chapel on the afternoon of every Communion Sabbath.

The ladies' of the congregation attend to the distribution of tracts and other religious papers through the different sections

of the town. The Benevolence of the church continues. Contributions to all the Boards of the church have been made during the year.

Grace Chapel says: That the accession to the membership during the year though not large, is still the largest in the recent history of Grace Chapel, but this accession is off-set by an unusual number of dismissions. Three of our largest families have moved away from town, and taken their letters with them to their own church homes. The Sunday school is in a flourishing condition. The attendance is large.

The Sunday services have been well attended throughout the year. The aim of the pastor has been to secure the attendance of the members of the church at the morning service (as far as possible), and sermons intended to build up the membership in the Christian life have been preached at these services, and in the evening the non-church going element has been brought in and heard the Gospel. The prayer-meetings have been well sustained. The Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meetings are largely attended and the young people seem to be greatly interested in their work. The envelope plan of raising money is still in vogue. A Pastor's Associate Committee has been elected consisting of four young men, corresponding to deacons, and four older men corresponding to elders, who represent the membership, in the transaction of business, voting money, consulting with the pastor, etc.

New Utrecht.—Makes mention of the blessing of God upon their work, and says the results are encouraging. Interest in the services of the House of God has been shown in the attendance, and the Missionary spirit has increased, as is evidenced in the enlarged offerings which the people have made to sustain and advance the cause of Christ. The Sunday school, Young People's Society Christian Endeavor and Missionary organizations are large in numbers and efficient in effort. There have been several accessions to the membership and a healthful spiritual state prevails in the church. In temporal things there has been prosperity.

The new chapel dedicated in October, and the renovation of the Mission Chapel at Fort Hamilton being a special instance denoting the Divine favor.

Gravesend reports. On account of our unsettled state, in consequence of the sale of our church property and our buying and building elsewhere, our church work has been somewhat hampered this year and our Benevolence has suffered in consequence. Our losses by death, also, have been in excess of previous years, the number of deaths (9) exceeding the whole number added to our Church Communion. We laid the corner-stone for our new church on October 8, 1893, and hope to have it completed by the early autumn. In the mean time we are worshiping in our cramped quarters in our old lecture room, which we have moved down on our new church grounds. The means of grace have been well sustained, and we hope for a renewed interest in the things of God, on our entrance into our commodious church home when completed.

Flatlands.—Reports a year of active life and of entire unity. While we have not been honored with any especial awakening, yet at no Communion season have we been without evidence of the Divine Presence.

The Woman's Missionary Society is alive to its responsibility, is increasing in influence, and has raised a larger amount of money than in any year of its existence.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been the means of developing and strengthening the Christian lives of many of our young people. The gifts to Benevolence from this society have also exceeded those of other years. During the year there was given a very considerable amount of money (of which the Christian Endeavor Society raised $759), to be expended on the parsonage property. This is the more worthy of mention because of the amount raised the previous year for repairs on the church property. The Church of Flatlands has just celebrated its 240th anniversary, and its prayer is, that it may be but in the beginning of its years and its usefulness.

New Lots.—Declares that the work of the church has been carried steadily along. The pastor has been hindered part of the year from pastoral work on account of sickness in his family. The membership of the church has considerably increased. The senior and junior societies of Christian Endeavor, as well as the Sunday school and prayer-meeting ser-

vice, have been more largely attended than ever before. The enforced attention to the poor of the neighborhood has diverted, somewhat, funds from the Boards of the church. As a church we are well equipped, and wish for the blessing of God upon us.

East New York says: During the year our church Board gave a mortgage upon the church property for the sum of $6,750 to Mrs. H. Petty—$750 of which were used in legal fees, etc., the balance to pay off indebtedness consequent upon church building.

South Brooklyn.—Reports a year of united labors and Divine blessing. The Holy Spirit has carried us onward in the development which began last year. The audiences have continued full, and there have been a few positive conversions in the prayer-meetings. We shall continue along the line of prayer and Gospel teaching. Street assessments have made our financial load heavier, nevertheless the people have given more largely to Benevolence.

Twelfth Street.—Informs the Classis that its roll of members is in course of revision, but makes mention of nothing further, except that a lively interest has been kept up through the year in all the work of the church. Meetings have been well attended. There is at present much interest manifested among the young people.

North Reformed.—The North Church reports progress all along the line. There is perfect peace and deep spiritual interest, sixty per cent. of the membership being regular attendants upon the mid-week meetings. A new Missionary spirit has been aroused, and contributions have been and will be made to the Boards. Congregations are increasing. Sabbath school is in a healthy condition. The societies of the church are doing good work. A house in close proximity to the church has been secured and is to be opened as a club-house for young men. Our faith for the North Church is very strong. Our hopes are bright.

Church-on-the-Heights.—Sends statistics and says Rev. J. Douglas Adam was installed on March 27, 1894.

Bethany Chapel rejoices that a pastor has been settled during the year, and declares that labor has been expended mainly in ingathering the scattered forces ; but says that in every department of church work some advance has been made. We have trebled the number of contributors to self support, and nearly doubled the amount received, while continuing our beneficence. We have suffered losses by death and removal, yet the Lord has more than replenished us. A carefully revised roll shows a loss of only (10) ten.

New Brooklyn.—Reports a favorable condition of things. The means of grace have been faithfully presented and been blessed to many souls. Our pastor has been called to a special field of labor among our orphan children. We give him up only because we believe they need a man like him. The services have been well attended, also the weekly prayer-meeting. The different organizations are in working order. We are in hope of settling a pastor again, very soon, to do the good work of the Lord's Kingdom.

Second Flatbush, says : The church has paid $300 on the parsonage debt, and is endeavoring to reduce it, so that the interest may be applied to the pastor's salary, thus eventually requiring no assistance from the Board. This, however, is at present still a necesssity.

Canarsie declares : That the work is being carried on in our congregation with its wonted regularity. The Sabbath services are well attended and so, also, are the week-day services. We look forward with expectancy to the future. The Ladies' Aid and Young People's Societies, are a great help in our church work. We have been unable to decrease our debt, on account of the hard times, but hope to accomplish something in this direction next year. Peace and unity reign in our midst and to God alone be all the praise.

Bedford says : The accustomed services on the Lord's day and through the week have been maintained through the year. In addition there has been a year's instruction in vocal music. A sewing school in connection with the church has been recently established and has awakened some enthusiasm. The

Ladies' Aid Society whose work is beyond praise, and the Missionary Society have held their regular meetings, so that with the exception of the mid-summer months there have been few days in the year when the church has not been open to some kind of Christian activity. The abounding hospitality of certain of our families has minimized to the utmost the one lack in our church machinery, viz, the want of a dwelling for our pastor, and has volunteered such extension of its grace as will make possible a large pastoral service in time to come.

St. Thomas, W. I.—No report.

Ocean Hill rejoices in harmony and Christian fellowship and in an increase of spiritual power and Christian life and activity. The work of the Holy Spirit in the conversion of souls has renewed to us the pledge of the Divine presence. Fifteen souls have been brought to Christ during the winter, and many more are on the eve of deciding to give themselves to Him. Five adults have received the ordinance of baptism. The Lord has been our helper, blessed be His holy name.

Edgewood.—Edgewood rejoices in another year of success numerically, financially and spiritually. We mourn the loss of a faithful and beloved member and elder, Mr. Bernard Larzalere. The love that Edgewood had for him shall be an inspiration to greater service to Christ and the church. We bow to God's will, knowing that it is His power, and not men's that sustains and builds up the Church. The Sunday school increases in numbers, and the cry "more room" must soon be heeded, and the building enlarged, or a new one erected. A Boy's Brigade has been formed, adding interest and enlargement to the school and church work. The Young People's Society Christian Endeavor is doing good service. Attendance upon church service and prayer-meetings have been encouraging. A new Ladies' Missionary Auxilliary Society has been organized with twenty-six members—thus indicating that the church is coming up in denominational work. At the last Consistory meeting it was decided to take quarterly collections for Missions, and the other Boards will be helped as we become able.

Ridgewood.—No report.

Greenwood Heights.—The pulpit has been supplied by Rev. Herman H. Shook (a member of the North Classis of Long Island) since May 1, 1893, and he closes his engagement for the year on May 1, 1894. There has been a Young People's Society Christian Endeavor organized with a membership of thirty-one, and the attendance at the Sabbath services and mid-week prayer-meeting has increased somewhat. The Christian Endeavor Society's prayer-meeting is held on Monday evening of each week, and great interest is taken in this meeting by the young people of the church, and others in the neighborhood, and promises to aid greatly the spiritual work of the church.

ECCLESIASTICAL CHANGES.

On April 18, 1893, at his own request, but for no cause reflecting upon his character, Rev. F. Bruschweiler was deposed from the ministry, and his name dropped from the roll.

May 9, Mr. J. J. Burkhart, licentiate, was dismissed to the German Evangelical Synod of North America.

May 17, the Rev. C .E. Wyckoff was received from the Classis of Rensselaer, and has assumed charge of Bethany Chapel.

The pastoral relation existing between Rev. E. F. Hallenbeck and the North Church was dissolved on September 27, and this brother was dismissed to the Presbytery of Albany.

The Rev. H. T. Jones was received from the Classis of Kingston on September 27, and is laboring in connection with the 1st Church of Brooklyn.

The pastoral relation between Rev. Wesley R. Davis and the Church-on-the-Heights was dissolved on October 17.

On October 27, the Rev. J. Douglas Adam was received from the Bennington County Association of Congregational Churches, and was installed as pastor of the Church-on-the-Heights on March 27, 1894.

The Rev. T. Calvin McClellend was received from the North Classis of Long Island on November 13, and installed as pastor of the North Church on November 21, 1893.

On November 24, Rev. J. C. Hume was received from the Presbytery of Nassau, and was placed by Classis as Classical Missionary over the Church at Ridgewood.

On January 25, 1894, the pastoral relation between the Rev. Jesse W. Brooks and the Church at East New York was dissolved.

The Rev. Daniel Van Pelt was dismissed to the North Classis of Long Island on February 19, so as to become the pastor of the Church of Astoria.

Respectfully submitted,

P. V. VAN BUSKIRK, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Your Committee on the State of Religion have received reports from all the churches, except *Brighton Heights.* Most of the reports came in good season, but four, we regret to say, were not delivered until three days ago, while one was delayed until last night. Your Committee pray that the time may speedily come, when the injunction in I Cor. 14:40 will be complied with by *all* the consistories. The general tone of these reports is encouraging, notwithstanding the financial crisis through which the business world has passed. The Word has been preached, precious souls have been saved, and peace and harmony prevail throughout the bounds of the Classis. There has been a net gain in membership of 911. The contributions for Denominational Benevolence were $29,187.88, and $165,275.06 for other objects. Several of our churches have come in possession of valuable additions to their church property. To the great Head of the Church we ascribe all honor and praise for the lasting work being accomplished.

New York Collegiate.—A review of the work done in the Collegiate churches and chapels during the year 1893 gives evidence of God's presence, and therefore of activity and growth. This is true, in so far as can be learned, of all the churches and chapels, but particularly of the church at 29th Street and Fifth Avenue. The sum totals show an increase over last year in the number of families, in the members baptized, and a large gain in the membership both of the churches and the Sunday schools. These facts bear witness to the faithful service of those who have had the various congregations in charge and of their efficient helpers, and are cause for thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church.

Harlem Collegiate reports: The year's work in our churches has been crowned with God's blessing. Our interests, spiritual and material, have prospered. Our First Church has been enlarged by the building of a handsome addition for Sunday school and chapel purposes to accommodate increasing numbers. Our Sunday school and congregations at the Second Church have increased so that the seating capacity is fully taxed. The faithful labors of our two loved pastors have shown fruit in continued accessions to our membership upon confession of faith, and their work has been assisted by the Rev. Frank H. Wright, who has become connected with our Second Church as an evangelist. His ministry to both our churches has been marked by a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. All departments of our work are in a happy state of harmonious Christian activity.

South.—There has been a steady, but slow, improvement in attendance and in the spiritual condition of the church. Most of the additions to church membership have been in Rogers Chapel for colored people.

Manor Chapel of South Church.—The Lord has prospered our work in all its branches during the past year. An unusual interest has been manifested in our services, and there has been an increased attendance at all the meetings.

Staten Island.—This church has had a year of prosperity. The additions to membership have been more numerous, the attendance at the Sabbath services and prayer-meeting has increased, and the contributions of the congregation for all purposes have been fully as large as usual.

Bloomingdale.—The Bloomingdale church had a year of unusual prosperity. Our Sabbath night audiences overflow the possibilities of the building. The prayer-meetings are crowded. About four years ago there were only sixty-four members. Only twenty-eight of that number now remain, so we have had to build up a new church. There were then less than fifty scholars in the Sunday school, now we number fully 550. We are struggling financially under the load of a $50,000 mortgage, but are hopeful for the future.

Madison Avenue reports larger congregations than ever before. The weekly prayer-meeting is well attended. Both Sunday schools are in good working condition. The new Mission building is nearly completed. It will be erected at a cost of over $100,000, free of all debt; $65,000, the cost of the building, were munificently given by one of the members, while the congregation have generously contributed about $40,000 for the land, besides furnishing the means for carrying on the work for the year to come. The new building will be used for all the Mission work of the church, except the Working Girls' Club. There is also a separate building for the exclusive use of the Bethany Day Nursery, where from seventy to eighty little children are cared for daily, except Sunday. As we look back and review the past we say with thankful and loving hearts: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Thirty-fourth Street.—The past year has been one of seed-sowing rather than in-gathering. The Word has been faithfully preached and taught. The pastor has been assisted by a few volunteers, mostly women. He has also had for his assistant Mr. Ellis Woodruff a graduate of Rutgers College and now in Union Theological Seminary. Our people are united and harmonious. The prayer-meetings, the Christian Endeavor Society and Sabbath school are doing well. The Sabbath audiences have increased, notwithstanding the losses by removals. In finances we are trying to hold our own. We are on Mission ground and seek help in giving the Gospel to the poor. What we need is a paid assistant, who can give all his time to visiting. In December last we celebrated our Seventieth Anniversary. Looking back over the way, which God has led us, we cannot but "thank God and take courage."

German Evangelical Mission.—This reads: "We have had no share in the revivals and their results, which many of our churches have enjoyed during the fiscal year. We have, therefore nothing extraordinary to report. There are, however, a few facts, which indicate that the favor of the Lord has not altogether been withheld from us. We have had a few additions to our membership, and have enjoyed very fruitful communion seasons and other church festivals and gatherings. In Benevolence we have great reason to be grateful for the good

will of our people. In spite of the hard times we have gone beyond the sums reported in previous years. The attendance on public worship has been fair. The Sunday school and the young people's societies are doing their usual good work. While we are grateful for past favors and blessings, we look and pray for an increase in the future."

Huguenots.—This church has been supplied during the year. There are no liens on the property, and no floating debts. This is a Mission field, largely of non-church goers, who attend the services. The neighborhood is increasing in inhabitants, and financial help and encouragement are needed.

Mott Haven writes: The year has been a very trying one financially. This accounts for the falling off in contributions. Spiritually it has been a helpful year with large accessions, increased attendance, and deepened interest. We have to record the adoption of the free pew system and the preparation of a parsonage on the church grounds.

Union, High Bridge, has made substantial progress in spite of the financial depression and the removal of some valued members. The Sunday school is larger than ever, the Missionary and other organizations have done excellent work. Under the auspices of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip a public reading room has been maintained, and a Sunday afternoon meeting for the study of the Word of God. The attendance of men upon public worship has increased. The tower of the church has been completed at a cost of over $3,000, the balance of the bonded indebtedness is paid, and a parsonage will be erected on lots recently donated by an officer of the church.

Fourth German reports: It is with gratitude to the Lord that we send out this annual report. In His infinite mercy He has permitted us another year to proclaim the riches of His grace to poor and lost souls, to edify the people of God and to help in preparing the way of our coming Lord. The services have been maintained regularly and the Spirit of the Lord has manifested Himself in the conversion of souls. The prayer-meetings of the Society of Christian Endeavor have especially

enjoyed the presence of the Lord and the riches of his blessings. The attendance averages about eighty, and the influence of these meetings is felt among the young and the old.

Prospect Hill.—This church has had, for a part of the year, the very faithful and efficient service of the Rev. Mr. Folmsbee, the effect of which is seen in increased attendance at all services and in the formation of a Christian Endeavor Society. It urges upon Classis the importance of continuing Mr. Folmsbee's ministrations in this field. The Consistory believes that the valuable plot owned by the church and now practically out of debt, surrounded by a great population, and far distant from any other English-speaking church of this denomination, should be graced by an edifice of greater dignity and attractiveness than the modest chapel erected thereon. It begs the Classis to counsel and aid them in this matter.

Holland.—The Holland Church have engaged Mr. A. Bechgem who has labored very successfully among them, as their Missionary pastor. They respectfully appeal to the Classis to recommend them to the Board of Domestic Missions for an appropriation of $600.

Avenue B German Evangelical reports: The Divine blessing has manifestly accompanied our faith and labors. There are indications of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. God is still adding largely to the membership of our church. The Sunday services and prayer-meetings are well attended. Our Sabbath school is in a flourishing condition. We have great cause for gratitude to God for his blessing and goodness.

Brighton Heights.—At the weekly prayer-meetings, on pleasant evenings, there are between seventy-five and one hundred in attendance. 175 members in the Christian Endeavor Societies. The evening congregations often larger than in the morning; financial obligations all met; the average attendance at Sunday school, 240; twenty-three received upon confession since September, 1893, and entire harmony, with real enthusiasm, exists among the young.

Union.—This report reads: The financial condition of our church has absorbed so much of our attention and effort that

the spiritual interests have suffered. Our services on Sabbath and during the week have been well attended and regularly sustained.

German, Norfolk Street.—Each succeeding year makes the work of this church more difficult. They had hoped to dispose of their property before this, but were unable on account of the universal business depression. Many members have been lost by removal, but the few who remain, have willingly brought sacrifices, so that they have remained self-sustaining. Peace and harmony prevail, the relations between pastor and people are very cordial, and the preaching of the Word has been attended by the quickening of the inner life.

Kreischerville, St. Peter's, regrets that it could not contribute anything towards the Boards, as most of the members had been thrown out of work.

German Evangelical, Yorkville, is glad to say that the trials and hardships have passed away. The congregation and Sunday school increase continually, and the present place of worship is inadequate to accommodate the growing numbers. In spite of the hard times, they are working dilligently, and not without success, towards securing a church home.

Grace reports a healthy spiritual life. Fully twenty per cent. of the attendants and communicants have not formally united with the church owing to unsettled homes, or the fact that some churches do not grant letters of dismission. The Sewing Society, Missionary Society, Christian Endeavor, Coral Workers, Industrial School, Young Men's Club and two Circles of King's Daughters are stronger than a year ago. The problem of destitution has been faced, and a systematic work carried on. Upwards of 240 families have been regularly visited and relieved. $850 have been expended in providing food, fuel, medicines, etc., for the poor.

Hamilton Grange.—The past year has been one of marked progress all along the line. The interior of our edifice has been transformed, our congregations have been constantly upon the increase, our Sunday school and our various societies have

been reorganized. Several new forms of work have been entered upon, especially among mothers, children and young men; new life and zeal have been shown in Missionary work, and last and best of all there have been sixty-five additions to the church, giving evidence of the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in all our services and work. Our chief obstacle is our building. We have only a chapel, when there is a crying need for a church edifice suitable in size and character to the growing population all about us. Such a building would soon make us one of the strong churches of the denomination in the city.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The following ministerial changes have occurred during the past year:

On May 22, 1893, Mr. Garrett J. Folmsbee was received from the Classis of New Brunswick, and passed his examination for ordination; and on June 6 he was ordained as a Missionary to labor in the Prospect Hill Church.

On October 17, 1893, the Rev. Thomas O. Lowe, upon examination, was received from the Presbytery of Cincinnati, and was installed as pastor of the Brighton Heights Reformed Church on October 31.

On December 18, 1893, the Rev. John A. Ingham was dismissed to the Presbytery of Westchester.

On February 21, 1894, the Rev. G. S. Plumley, D.D., died in the Presbyterian Hospital of this city.

On April 17, 1894, the Rev. Walter Laidlaw, upon examination, was received from the Presbytery of Albany.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. C. ERHARDT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

Your Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submit the following report:

For a long time a number of churches have been reported vacant. During the past year a successful effort has been made to fill them. The responsibility was laid upon a special committee, and the result has been exceedingly satisfactory. It

seems to be a good way to solve the problem of vacant churches—an energetic committee. There have been some blessed ingatherings, although the whole number of additions remain about the average. The Benevolent contributions have kept well up to last year, notwithstanding that year was one of special effort for the debt, and this year has been one of great business depression. High water mark has risen. It was about $3,500 preceding last year, then it jumped to over $4,500, now it has kept almost to that amount. The detailed reports indicate an encouraging year. Pleasant and harmonious relations have existed in the pastorates. The evidence of God's Spirit in our midst doing His own gracious work, is strongly manifested.

The detailed reports are as follows :

Berea reports steady spiritual interest manifested by successful weekly house prayer-meetings; also improvements about the parsonage.

Bloomingburgh reports increased attendance at public worship and increased Benevolent contributions as the result of the adoption of Synod's plan for Systematic Beneficence.

Callicoon.—No report.

Claraville.—No report.

Cuddebackville.—No report.

Deerpark reports the unusual loss by death of ten members, the goodness of God in gathering a goodly number into their communion, the damages to church and parsonage property repaired ; church debt lowered.

Ellenville reports eight auxilliaries and societies besides Sabbath schools ; lots of machinery needing more Divine oil on the axles and more Divine water on the wheels ; evident religious awakening and fields ripe unto harvest.

Fallsburg reports general prosperity ; the church Sabbath school continued throughout the winter ; a Christian Endeavor Society organized ; larger Benevolence.

Grahamsville.—No report.

Kerhonkson reports growth and prosperity; collections taken for the Boards at every communion service have been small.

Mamakating reports harmony and increased membership; good prayer-meetings; church services well attended; a falling off in contributions.

Minnisink reports church services and Sabbath schools well attended; a fund started for church improvement.

Montgomery reports large increase of members as the result of special meeting conducted by Rev. A. J. Smith, of our own denomination; steam heater put in church at cost of $800; the Young People's Society Christian Endeavor conducting successfully a local paper called "*Beacon Light.*"

Newburgh reports: Financial condition is more prosperous than for several years past; some collections below the mark, the number of additions less.

New Hurley reports God's holy presence has lightened peculiar trials and anxieties; attendance at church services good; large liberality without resorting to new fangled notions.

New Prospect reports twenty-one received on confession of faith at one Communion—the largest number ever received at one time; Christian Endeavor Society doing nicely, using the envelope system for pledged contributions to Missions; Woman's Missionary Society has larger membership.

Shawangunk reports the church services conducted by supplies last summer; called and settled a pastor; regular services well attended; spiritual growth manifested.

Unionville.—No report.

Walden reports the year marked by life and progress; unity has prevailed in all branches of church activity; Sabbath

school prosperous; many improvements made to church property; current expenses met promptly.

Walkill Valley reports steady progressive work; additions encouraging; helpful prayer-meetings; parsonage repainted; a pipe organ ordered; Benevolent contributions increased.

Walpack (*Upper*) reports that notwithstanding the vacancy of church, healthful condition has been maintained; Christian Endeavor Society energetic and faithful; Sunday school kept up.

Walpack (*Lower*) reports strong earnest religious feeling prevailing; large additions; a balance in the treasury.

Wawarsing reports no marked advance; last year received $75 from the Domestic Board; this year self-supporting besides having done a little for Missions.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The Rev. William B. Darrach was dismissed to the Presbytery of Lackawanna, October 17, 1893, for his acceptance of a charge at Pleasant Mount, Penn. The Rev. Gilbert Lane was installed pastor of the Church of Minnisink, at Montague, N. J., on November 14, 1893. The Rev. Joseph Dixon was received from the Presbytery of Champlain of the Presbyterian Church, December 29, 1893, and was installed as pastor of the Shawangunk Church, January 23, 1894. The Rev. Charles H. Whittaker was received from the Presbytery of Chester April 17, 1894, and at the same time accepted a call to the Walpack Church (Lower). The Rev. William Coombs was dismissed to the Classis of Kingston, April 17, 1894. The pastoral relation between the Rev. Wm. Coombs and the churches of Claraville, Grahamsville and Unionville dissolved.

MARION T. CONKLIN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

The Committee on the State of Religion having examined the reports of the churches of the Classis of Poughkeepsie

respectfully reports that they find much to awaken devout gratitude to the great Head of the Church.

The First Church of Poughkeepsie reports: It has not been given to us to participate in the refreshings from on High which have descended on multitudes of other churches in our land. There is, however, a manifest increase of earnestness and prayer on the part of members of the church, and this, which is in itself a great blessing, leads us to hope for still greater blessing in the near future.

Second, Poughkeepsie, reports: The church has had a busy but an eventful year. It has grown in numbers, and we hope in spiritual power. It has also been prosperous in financial matters and has increased its Benevolence.

Fishkill reports all the various agencies of church work in successful operation, and feels confident that the year has brought no small degree of spiritual profit to many souls.

Hopewell reports that the work of the Lord among them has made fair progress during the year. Sunday school work in the various districts has been carried on, and contributions have been made to several of the Boards of the Church. Fervent gratitude to God is expressed for His goodness and mercy to them as a church.

New Hackensack reports: Throughout the past year the church has enjoyed the favor of the Lord in a marked degree. As a result of special meetings held for five weeks Christians have greatly revived, many sinners were converted and a large number were received into the fellowship of the church. A strong Christian Endeavor Society has been organized. Six prayer-meetings are now held weekly in various parts of the congregation. Thirty-one have been received into the church on confession of faith. Reviewing the year we repeat the words of the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, O, my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

Rhinebeck reports: Peace, with pleasant relations between pastor and people; between the church members; and all the

services regular and well observed. The different organizations, and they include Christian Endeavor, Woman's Missionary, King's Daughters, senior and junior, besides a society to aid in the support of the church, are all actively sustained.

Fishkill-on-Hudson reports: The year past has been one of quiet, faithful and not unfruitful work. The various organizations of the church have been earnestly engaged and have been blessed in their efforts. While we have enjoyed no special reviving, yet there have been interesting accessions at each communion. During the year we have received twenty-four on confession of faith.

Hyde Park reports: That while there is no marked spiritual interest there is a healthy condition. The additions to the church on confession, the increase in Benevolent offerings, the larger attendance upon the Sunday and mid-week services; the interest manifested in the Sunday school and in the Young People's Society Christian Endeavor, which since its organization has shown much activity. All these give evidence that God is working by His Holy Spirit. We can truly say "The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad."

Glenham reports suffering a severe loss last autumn in the resignation of its pastor, Rev. Peter S. Beekman. Preaching services have been held each Sunday afternoon by the Rev. Benjamin E. Dickhaut, at which the attendance has been good. The various organizations are maintained as usual. Everything is as encouraging as it can possibly be under the circumstances.

Cold Spring.—The church work has been sustained successfully in all departments, although the relief of local necessity in the prevailing hard times has affected somewhat the contributions for denominational objects. The new Church Hymnary has been introduced. The Sunday school room has been greatly improved, and a fund has been started for the repairing of the church organ.

Millbrook reports: The year has been one of upbuilding rather than ingathering. A good attendance upon the Sunday

morning services has been maintained through the year. Sabbath schools have been full of interest to teachers and pupils. A Christian Endeavor Society has been organized with hopeful prospects, and all the usual means of grace have been blessed by God to the comfort and strength of his children.

It is the impression of your Committee that a very hopeful condition of affairs prevails throughout the Classis, and that we have occasion for devout gratitude to Almighty God.

During the year the pastoral relation between the Rev. Peter S. Beekman and the Church of Glenham has been dissolved.

On June 5, 1893, Rev. J. Ferguson Harris was received from the Classis of Monmouth, and on June 27 was installed pastor of the Church of Hyde Park.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. FRITTS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

Belmont.—Owing to the death of the Rev. Mr. Anderson, and the somewhat sudden departure of the Rev. Mr. Griffin, the church has had to battle with many obstacles, but all have stood together and no debts have been incurred. A student from Union Seminary is supplying the pulpit, and will soon be ordained as pastor. A Ladies' Aid and Christian Endeavor Societies have been organized, and the Sunday school is in a flourishing condition.

Bronxville.—No report.

Courtlandtown.—The work in our church has gone on steadily and quietly through the year in the preaching of the Word, administration of the Sacraments, meetings for prayer, instruction of the young and visiting the sick. Financial troubles have somewhat affected the church, as most of the people depend upon the labor of other hands for support, and business has been slack, but with the help of the Endeavor societies we close the year—the first of attempted self-support without a large deficiency.

Fordham.—No report.

Greenburgh.—The spiritual outlook of this church is encouraging. The number of attendants has been materially increased, and several improvements have been made.

Greenville.—While there has been no addition to the membership we can report a growing interest in church work, especially among the younger people. The various societies are active and successful. What we need is a baptism of the Holy Spirit to bring us in closer fellowship with our Divine Master, and for this we pray.

Hastings.—The church has enjoyed a year of average prosperity. The morning services, have had a larger attendance than at any time during the present pastorate.

Melrose.—No report.

Mount Vernon.—No report.

Park Hill.—The year has been one of gradual but substantial growth, and has therefore been marked by but little that requires any special comment. There has been a very gratifying increase in the size of the morning congregations, and the average attendance of the Sunday school has nearly doubled. A Ladies' Missionary Society has been organized, and the young people are banded together in a successful society of King's Daughters and Sons.

Peekskill.—The year now closing has been one of quiet work. Great peace and harmony have prevailed. Not out of every difficulty as yet, we rejoice that we are now a self-supporting church, and comparing our condition with that of former years we have every reason for thankfulness.

Tarrytown, First.—The year just closed has been one of marked prosperity with us. We would first mention the fact that the number of additions to the church has been greater than that of any other year of the present pastorate. Our contributions to the Benevolent work of the church have increased, and our contributions for the support of our own work have been unusually large. This has been owing in part to the fact

that during the year the church has erected a new parsonage, which is one of the most pleasant and comfortable structures of its kind to be found in this section of the country.

Tarrytown, Second.—An unusually large number of our members have removed from the town, and have been granted certificates to unite with other churches. Among these the withdrawal of Elder Silver and family has proved to be a most severe loss, both financially and spiritually. We shall also soon be left without a pastor, as his resignation will take effect on April 12, 1894. The change already manifest on account of the proposed dissolution of the pastoral relation will soon bring us into new conditions of church life. Unity and harmony we crave, patience and charity we try to cultivate, for the growth of the Master's Kingdom we hope and pray.

Unionville.—It has been a quiet year with us, yet we rejoice in many spiritual blessings. The Gospel has been preached sincerely and faithfully. With thanksgiving for the past we look forward to the future with ever increasing hope.

West Farms.—While there has been no unusual activity we can report that the various organizations are all doing excellent work. Very interesting meetings were held in the Week of Prayer, but the field proves one of great difficulty, and we have sustained a serious loss in the death of four of our members.

Yonkers.—We began the year with a heavy cost just incurred through fresh building work in the rear of our church. With part of this we are still grappling, and now we are starting upon the erection of a new house of worship. Our people have been thoroughly united in the past, and we believe are ready for what we must further do. Our Benevolent contributions have been necessarily diminished by our home needs. But we are comforted over this by the knowledge that we are opening the way for greater and wider work in the future. We have to praise the Lord for some remarkable conversions, for increased attendance on all our public services, and for deepened spirituality among our people. Our outlook was never more encouraging than now.

WM. ARMITAGE BEARDSLEE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.						POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.		Congregational.			
																R.	A. P.	R.	A. P.		
Arcot	L. R. Scudder	67	17	22	20	3	2	101	12	4	131	11	7	337	...	27	2 ..	112	4 11	Ranipett, Madras Presid'y, In.	
Yehamur	Abram Abuni	319	25	25	16	10	2	204	16	23	439	628	18	416		43	14 ..	91	1 11	"	" "
Arni	E. C. Scudddr, Jr.	24	33	12	15	..	...	91	2	2	88	1	5	357		115	12 11	99	12 10	Arni,	" "
Alliendal	Moses Nathaniel	32	2	1	...	...	1	30	10	1	77	19	5	123		8	2 10	11	15 3	Chetpett,	" "
Marutuvambadi	" "	8	6	...	...	...	...	15	4	2	13	8	1	13		6	.. 2	4	10 ..	"	" "
Vellumbi	E. C. Scudder, Jr.	17	...	...	...	...	...	33	2	...	44	....	1	33		2	15 6	5	4 5	Arni,	" "
Chittoor	W. I. Chamberlain	67	4	16	7	..	1	74	8	10	110	32	5	378		56	15 9	55	8 ..	Chittoor,	" "
Kottapalli	" "	111	2	2	3	...	...	96	9	3	113	189	7	155		23	4 ..	19	6 5	"	" "
Madanapalle	L. B. Chamberlain... P. Souri... J. Souri...	152	16	3	...	..	2	142	27	14	127	334	13	681	...	186	.. 4	395	9 7	Madanapalle,	" "
Palmanér	J. Chamberlain.	16	2	3	5	...	...	38	3	..	27	6	2	160		49	2 8	83	14 4	"	" "
Vellore	John Scudder.... A. Masillamoney	69	7	8	33	..	4	110	16	2	154	15	4	271		150	9 10	104	14 3	Vellore,	" "
Kandiputtur	Isaac Lazar	121	...	12	12	..	3	127	10	8	155	179	6	136		15	8 ..	62	15 3	Katpadi,	" "
Sekadu	" "	90	...	1	4	...	1	112	5	1	99	98	2	70		5	15 ..	28	2 6	"	" "
Katpadi	Vacant.	150	4	7	6	..	5	148	6	69	235	175	9	240		20	10 ..	70	13 7	"	" "
Coonoor	E. C. Scudder, Jr.	65	3	3	4	..	1	106	3	...	119	2	5	152		78	10 2	222	2 10	Arni,	" "
Tindivanam	J. H. Wyckoff (s.c.)	20	6	3	1	...	...	16	3	...	122	4	2	199	.....					Tindivanam	" "
Sattambadi	" " "	76	8	...	...	1	2	83	11	9	164	38	5	95	.....					"	" "
Gnanodiam	Moses Nathaniel	48	...	4	9	..	2	64	7	...	105	26	2	54	.....					Chetpett,	" "
Orattur	Paul Bailey	53	4	2	2	..	17	70	14	3	103	245	3	104	.....					Villapuram,	" "
Vellaripattu	" "	53	5	2	6	..	1	51	4	...	34	101	3	47	.....	138	1 6	304	10 9	"	" "
Narasinganur	" "	49	2	...	...	2	2	76	15	2	51	23	5	83	.....						
Varrikkal	John Peter	36	3	4	4	..	1	64	4	..	94	30	3	78	.....					Gingee,	" "
Kolapakam	" "	42	1	3	3	4	1	78	9	4	36	5	3	73	.....						
	Total	1685	147	133	140	20	48	1929	200	157	2640	2169	116	4255	.....	928	12 8	1673	2 10		

Other Ministers.—Rev. W. W. Scudder, Professor of Theology, Palmanér; Rev. Jared W. Scudder, in America.
Licentiates.—E. Tbaramoni, J. Yesurathivam, S. Santhosham, J. Selvam, S. Chellan, Elias Nathaniel, N. Jotinayakam.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First Claverack	George H. Burrill	120	13	1	3	0	6	251	1	4	....	0	*5	224	$552 16	$82 63	†$1,525 91	Claverack, Col. Co., N. Y.
Gallatin	Benjamin A. Bartholf.	68	1	0	2	0	3	104	2	....	....	0	1	60	80 80	16 25	700	Mt. Ross, Dutchess Co., "
Germantown	Mortimer Smith	108	4	0	3	0	6	194	3	2	....	140	1	157	61 16	30	1,650	Germantown, Col. Co., "
Greenport	Edward G. Ackerman	80	1	1	3	0	4	195	1	1	....	80	3	215	97	11 25	1,032	Greendale, " "
Hudson	Ferdinand S. Schenck	270	9	6	21	0	7	443	7	3	....	200	1	252	1,308	417	4,588	Hudson, " "
Linlithgow	Jonah W. Vaughan (s.c)	74	6	2	1	0	4	175	1	1	48	0	1	104	141	109	1,538	Livingston, " "
Livingston at Linlithgo	Wm. W. Whitney	70	8	0	2	0	2	99	8	5	20	18	2	128	32 72	8 45	968 11	Linlithgo, " "
Mellenville	David M. Hunter,	90	17	1	6	0	1	172	8	10	..	110	1	124	264 94	24	1,395 12	Mellenville, " "
Philmont	F. V. Van Vranken	108	14	10	1	0	1	173	8	4	...	100	1	159	566 52	50 85	5,100	Philmont, " "
Upper Red Hook	Geo. D. Lydecker	60	5	2	0	0	3	135	1	2	....	40	1	70	317 16	173 65	1,100	Up. Red H'k, Duch. Co., "
West Copake	Philip Furbeck	78	13	3	0	0	3	129	8	3	....	....	1	189	94 83	56 70	1,679 63	West Copake, Col. Co., "
		1116	91	26	42	0	40	2070	48	35	68	688	18	1682	$3,516	$980	$21,276	

Other Ministers.—Rev. James C. Garretson, Rahway, N. J.

* Four of these are Union schools.

† $150 an extra contribution for chapel.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Bloomingdale	Joseph Millett	130	10	...	2	...	3	*205	16	3	....	25	1	269	$36	$26	$900	Whiteport, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Clove	HermanHageman(s.c)	160	14	7	18	0	3	314	20	8	294	200	3	400	454 76	20 47	1,623 64	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	Vacant	...	...	...	1	...	1	68	1	...	1	...	1	50	.....	.....	.....	Rifton Glen, " "
Gardiner	Vacant	65	7	13	0	0	0	36	8	1	8	0	1	102	12 24	.....	767 72	Gardiner, " "
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher	*70	0	0	12	0	2	87	4	0	118	53	2	.....	110	11 50	1,100	Libertyville, " "
Hurley	Samuel T. Searle	70	3	1	4	0	1	174	4	1	....	....	1	100	285 79	10	1,024 25	Hurley, " "
Kingston, Fair St	Vacant	175	23	12	2	0	15	398	6	7	....	40	1	258	357 91	26	4,469	Kingston, " "
Krumville	Vacant	30	0	0	0	0	0	50	3	0	60	15	1	85	.....	.....	85	Samsonville, " "
Lyonsville	Vacant	40	2	0	0	0	3	78	...	1	...	...	1	70	.....	.....	241	Kripplebush, " "
Marbletown	George Davis	95	0	2	1	0	2	179	0	0	....	....	2	100	130 77	67 23	699	Stone Ridge, " "
North Marbletown	George Davis (s.s.)	54	0	0	2	0	3	72	2	0	....	....	1	42	20 75	1	270 58	" "
New Paltz	Abel H. Huizinga	260	15	16	14	0	12	508	6	9	....	50	8	555	674 91	164 77	2,366 91	New Paltz, " "
Rochester	John L. McNair	132	9	5	11	0	4	187	4	1	....	....	4	400	98 54	9	1,282 57	Accord, " "
Rosendale	William Coombs (P.E.)	135	11	0	10	0	5	239	11	...	190	...	2	310	5	18 50	1,658 63	Rosendale, " "
St. Remy	Joseph Millett	51	9	1	5	...	1	*104	3	2	...	12	1	115	27 63	10	650	Whiteport, " "
	Total	1467	103	57	82	0	55	2099	88	33	671	395	30	2856	$2,214 30	$364 47	$17,138 30	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Jas. R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, N.Y.; Rev. James Cantine, Missionary, Busrah, Persian Gulf, Asia; Rev. Paul T. Deyo, Samsonville, Ulster Co., N. Y.

*Revised List.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Jamaica	Edgar Tilton, Jr.	183	13	1	2	...	5	344	15	2	....	125	2	315	$758 78	$83 59	$4,435 59	Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.
Newtown	Vacant	102	7	4	9	...	1	162	5	1	....	....	2	275	351 68	117 79	2,628 22	Newtown, L. I., "
Oyster Bay	John H. Smock	84	3	4	3	...	2	139	3	2	....	...	1	93	218 98	6 05	1,091 84	Glen Head, L. I., "
North Hempstead	Alfred Duncombe	60	8	5	4	...	2	135	1	2	....	....	‡2	150	49 19	39 61	3,295	Manhasset, L. I., "
Williamsburg	Augustus W. Mills	148	17	4	8	...	3	223	4	3	....	24	1	460	479 51	250	6,300	99 Rodney St., Brooklyn, "
Astoria	Daniel Van Pelt	105	...	7	8	...	2	180	3	...	....	40	1	240	431 58	54 86	¶18,950 39	80 Remsen St., Astoria, "
Flushing	James Demarest	112	43	5	5	...	2	245	4	14	....	....	2	234	553 36	37 04	9,114 42	Flushing, L. I., "
Kent Street, Brooklyn	Lewis Francis	204	34	9	16	...	6	*439	23	11	....	....	2	1094	$2,823 36	.....	5,755 72	143 Noble St., Brooklyn, "
South Bushwick	George D. Hulst	200	21	8	4	..	6	447	38	7	....	..	1	1367	303 43	284 07	8,147 02	15 Himrod St., Brooklyn, "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	100	25	...	...	...	4	269	90	...	....	20	1	250	143	37 46	1,300	520 Debevoise Av., Astoria,
East Williamsburg	Vacant†	19	3	2	2	...	...	36	4	1	....	....	1	190	23 56	.....	784 98	
Queens	James S. N. Demarest	70	4	5	3	...	2	154	11	2	....	115	1	175	363 78	98 34	2,029 61	Queens, L. I., N. Y.
German Ev., Brooklyn	John C. Guenther	325	16	...	1	...	6	375	163	...	....	100	2	700	200	600	2,500	56 Union Ave., Brooklyn, "
Sayville	John Hoffman	54	8	8	...	...	3	90	14	...	....	50	1	110	29 31	.....	1,456 66	West Sayville, L. I., "
Locust Valley	John H. Smock	30	1	...	...	...	...	52	1	1	....	....	1	110	78 23	....	763 58	Glenhead, L. I., "
College Point	John Baumeister	100	7	...	5	...	2	128	18	1	....	104	1	166	330 35	108 02	2,178 47	College Point, L. I., "
1st Ref., L. I. City	Alexander Shaw	60	8	7	...	...	1	97	19	...	...	135	1	152	52 10	25	1,086 90	102 Academy St., L. I. C., "
Bushwick	Vacant†	140	21	3	19	...	8	*208	22	9	9	....	1	†508	†59 53	†14 97	‡2,486 28	
German Ev., Jamaica	Franz Hartig	56	7	2	...	...	8	150	35	...	....	7	1	100	61 83	37	1,395 87	Jamaica, L. I., "
Hicksville	E. Gutweiler	88	9	6	...	...	3	95	17	3	....	....	1	135	.....	.....	1,050	Hicksville, L. I., "
German 2d, Newtown	Fred'k W. Hock	40	21	2	1	...	4	*84	6	...	16	9	1	81	21	16	655	Newtown, L. I., "
Steinway	Vacant (a) †	28	3	2	...	...	1	50	5	...	....	....	1	424	483 59	....	**4,922 49	Steinway, L. I., "
Grace, Woodhaven	Vacant	60	...	...	...	...	...	105	...	...	....	....	1	42	.....	.....	11 75	
Church of Jesus, B'klyn	August Guenther	56	15	6	2	...	...	78	52	...	....	26	1	220	21	10	845	11 Sacket St., Brooklyn, "
New Hyde Park	Louis Hieber	20	4	1	..	...	...	34	2	...	....	....	1	200	.....	13	520	New Hyde Park, L. I., "
	Total	2444	298	91	92	...	71	4328	555	59	25	755	31	7791	$7,837 15	$1,827 80	$83,604 79	

Other Ministers.—E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. H. Ten Eyck, (s.c.), 159 West 92d Street, New York City; Alexander S. Van Dyck, Amoy, China; Robert H. Barr, Newburgh, N. Y.; M. V. Schoonmaker, West Chester, Penn.

* Revised. † Last year's report. ‡ 1 a Union school.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. On Confession.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Certificate.	COMMUNICANTS. Dismissed.	COMMUNICANTS. Suspended.	COMMUNICANTS. Died.	COMMUNICANTS. Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	C. C. & S. S. Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. No. of S. Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Other Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First Reformed	James M. Farrar	291	35	52	7	0	6	558	8	10	...	...	2	1393	$1,502	$2,000	$5,239	802 President St., B'klyn, N. Y
Centennial Chapel	H. T. Jones.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	760 Carroll St., " "
Flatbush	Cornelius L. Wells	135	4	6	2	0	7	‡409	10	0	220	100	1	331	2,634	2,342	...	Flatbush, L. I., "
Grace Chapel	William H. Boocock	110	12	7	11	0	0	...	22	0	0	0	1	200	177	...	374	" "
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	100	13	8	2	0	5	305	5	1	...	75	2	500	1,257	165	4,928	Van Pelt Manor, L. I., "
Gravesend	Peter V. Van Buskirk.	120	2	7	1	0	9	242	10	2	...	130	3	350	736	80	5,765	Gravesend, L. I., "
Flatlands	John S. Gardiner (s.c.)	79	5	1	4	0	2	178	11	0	65	110	2	250	600	210	3,624	Flatlands, L. I., "
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	80	14	5	1	0	3	207	12	0	...	50	1	400	623	445	2,759	New Lots Ave., B'klyn, "
East New York	Vacant	95	14	13	17	0	4	187	19	3	...	...	1	341	83	198	2,174	East New York, " "
South Brooklyn	J. Talmadge Bergen	155	15	25	4	0	2	275	24	...	89	110	1	400	413	88	2,710	165 52d St., Brooklyn, "
Twelfth Street	John E. Lloyd	305	25	15	7	1	5	650	34	4	300	300	1	1145	664	350	7,552	468 Ninth St., " "
North Reformed	T. Calvin McClelland	165	28	7	7	0	2	‡215	5	6	...	...	1	200	121	88	3,512	148 Clinton Ave., B'klyn, "
Church-on-the-Heights	J. Douglas Adam	185	3	4	5	0	5	258	1	0	...	...	1	100	2,082	3,643	8,536	45 Monroe Place, " "
Bethany Chapel	C. E. Wyckoff	94	12	5	6	0	5	†158	5	2	...	250	1	475	297	360	1,330	216 Schermerhorn St., " "
New Brooklyn	Vacant	135	23	0	5	0	3	356	102	0	300	30	1	300	85	175	2,006	
Second Flatbush	John H. Jensen	35	5	0	0	0	2	70	16	2	...	5	1	70	25	...	1,307	Flatbush, L. I., "
Canarsie	John Ficken	23	4	0	0	0	5	79	23	0	20	4	1	69	...	13	1,006	Canarsie, L. I., "
Bedford	Herman C. Berg	97	2	4	4	0	1	221	0	1	...	...	1	62	60	50	1,684	Metuchen, N. J.
St. Thomas, W. I.	Vacant	‡50	11	3	5	0	2	142	4	0	...	65	3	195	90	230	1,765	
Ocean Hill	A. Messler Quick (s.c.)	65	15	4	5	0	2	175	4	5	...	115	1	195	15	34	1,431	56 Seventh Ave., B'klyn, "
Edgewood	Wm. T. E. Adams	40	6	5	5	0	1	65	6	0	15	0	1	199	25	10	1,397	Blythebourne, L. I., "
Ridgewood	J. C. Hume (Miss.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	...	Evergreen, P. O., "
Greenwood Heights	HermanH.Shook (s.s.)	48	8	0	0	0	0	34	13	4	....	...	1	64	4	22	200	
	Total	2407	258	171	108	1	71	4784	334	40	1009	1334	28	7345	$11,505	$11,413	$59,399	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Alexander R. Thompson, Roosevelt Hospital, 59th St. and 9th Av., N. Y.; Rev. Daniel Rapalje, Amoy, China; Rev. John Mason Ferris, editor of *Christian Intelligencer*, 4 and 6 Warren St., N. Y.; Rev. David S. Sutphen, Bloomfield, N. J.; Rev. David N. Vanderveer, Greenport, L. I.; Rev. Walter T. Griffin, Limoges, France; Rev. U. D. Gulick, Morristown, N. J.; Rev. Edward F. See, Gen. Secy., Y. M. C. A., 502 Fulton St, Brooklyn; Rev. J. L. Zabriskie, Waverly Av., Flatbush, L. I.; Rev. W. D. Perry, 168 Willoughby Av., Brooklyn, N.Y.; Rev. E. C. Oggel, Pullman, Ill.; Rev. A. P. Stockwell, Supt. Howard Mission, and Home for Little Wanderers, N. Y., 145 Berkeley Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Jacob Weber, Supt. of Offile Orphanage, Forest Av., East Williamsburg, L. I.; Rev. Jesse W. Brooks, 400 8th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. A. DeWitt Mason, 25 East 22d St., New York; Rev. Wesley R. Davis, 6 East 34th St., New York. * Including 120 members of Grace Chapel. † Revised list. ‡ Report of last year inserted No report from church at St. Thomas.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
New York Collegiate	T. W. Chambers .... John Hutchins. .... Edward B. Coe ..... Walter Laidlaw, Asst David J. Burrell ... P. S. Hulbert, Asst.. A. E. Meyers, Asst,. Henry E. Cobb.....	905	115	156	33	0	28	2355	56	15	....	...	8	2855	$14,708 35	20,058 93	.....	70 West 36th St., N.Y. City 214 East 18th St., 42 West 52d St., 5th Ave. and 48th St., 3 West 29th St., 3 West 29th St., 300 West 70th St., 77th St. & W. End Av.,
North.... / De Witt.. / Knox. ...	Collegiate Chapels. Kenneth F. Junor.... / William Vaughan(s.c)	....	...	...	...	...	...	....	..	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	160 West 29th St., 514 Ninth Ave.,
Harlem Collegiate...	J. Elmendorf. ..... / W. J. Harsha	...	183	137	45	0	5	1390	35	50	....	500	2	1752	5,733 43	8,056 99	.....	35 Mt. Morris Ave., 269 Lenox Ave.,
South.....	Roderick Terry.....	170	19	2	3	0	3	232	2	0	132	33	2	227	2,014 43	8,758 69	$12,000	169 Madison Ave.,
Manor Chapel (South)	James Palmer	195	21	7	7	0	4	217	14	0	150	84	2	500	400	200	480	216 West 25th St.,
Staten Island.....	James Brownlee, E. / A. H. Demarest ...	160	15	15	3	0	4	354	7	7	....	175	2	500	686 61	180 64	4,510 29	Cranford, N. J. Port Richmond, S. I., N.Y.
Bloomingdale..... ...	Madison C. Peters ..	300	51	39	6	0	3	275	55	11	....	18	2	550	150	4,500	11,000	B'way & 68th St., N.Y. City.
Madison Avenue....	Abbott E. Kittredge..	295	54	51	25	0	11	1060	15	8	...	941	2	1038	1,924 09	110084 41	23,697 12	711 Park Ave.,
Thirty-fourth Street...	Peter Stryker	150	19	8	11	0	9	283	8	1	82	309	1	386	407 20	878	6,467	326 West 33d St.,

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK (CONTINUED).

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
German Ev. Mission...	Julius W. Geyer	80	23	...	15	...	11	....	39	2	340	18	1	350	$438	$1,092	$1,894 58	78 Second St., N. Y. City.
Huguenots	Supplied	....	0	0	0	0	0	35	1	0	....	....	1	65	30 55	.....	359	Sea Side, S. I., N. Y.
Mott Haven	G. Edwin Talmage....	55	16	22	9	2	7	139	16	4	111	12	2	360	165 32	109 04	2,357 84	582 E. 146th St., N.Y. City
Union, High Bridge...	Henry M. Cox	125	6	15	14	0	1	182	11	3	62	169	1	304	977 03	673 22	5,347 44	165th St., cor. Sheridan Av. "
Fourth, German.	John H. Oerter..... ..	125	32	0	5	0	4	*356	32	0	230	115	1	320	327 43	100	1,818 43	248 West 40th St., N.Y. City
Prospect Hill.....	D. McL. Quackenbush / Garrett J. Folmsby.	35	3	1	3	0	0	90	1	2	..	120	1	177	120	90 91	1,259 97	7 East 93d St., " 58 East 86th St., "
Holland	Vacant..... ...	....	0	1	0	0	0	51	3	0	45	6	1	20	.....	.....	102	279 West 11th St., "
Ave. B German Ev....	Jacob Schlegel.....	134	50	1	5	0	12	571	90	...	....	38	1	550	190	300	2,100	602 Fifth St., "
Brighton Heights.....	Thomas O. Lowe.....	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	7 St. Marks Pl., New B., S. I.
Union	Henry V. S. Myers....	41	3	2	6	0	1	152	1	1	32	20	1	100	259 28	25 87	‡2,630 11	250 West 12th St., N.Y. City.
German, Norfolk St...	Fred'k C. Erhardt	77	28	0	1	0	6	230	71	2	....	23	1	213	118	... .	1,463 20	147 Norfolk St., "
Kreischerv'e, St. Peters	Jacob Ganss	100	12	0	10	0	5	100	8	0	....	16	1	130	.....	.....	400	Kreischerville, S. I., N. Y.
German Ev., Yorkville	Louis Goebel.....	130	62	0	0	0	0	...	25	0	....	15	2	210	6	12 50	614	343 East 84th St., N. Y. City
Grace	Joseph R. Duryee.....	219	22	11	10	1	9	236	16	1	....	....	1	400	366 16	982	2,301	139 East 36th St., "
Hamilton Grange.....	Charles B. Chapin ...	125	31	32	9	0	3	243	11	9	..	..	1	377	166	172 76	3,078 43	419 West 145th St., "
	Total	3411	767	500	220	3	126	8551	517	116	1184	2612	37	11393	$29,187 88	165275 06	$83,820 41	

Foreign Missionaries.—Leonard W. Kip, Amoy, China; C. H. H. Wolff, E. Rothesay Miller, Yokohama, Japan.

Other Ministers.—W. W. Clark, 532 Clinton Av., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Hasbrouck Du Bois, High Bridge, New York City; Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; G. H. Mandeville, 16 East 126th St., New York City; A. J. Park, Huntington, Conn.; E. A. Reed, Holyoke, Mass.; A. G. Vermilye, Englewood, N. J.; William Westerfield, 63 Convent Av., New York City.

Licentiate.—M. G. Schwartz, 65 Avenue A. New York City. * Revised. ‡ Exclusive of income from property. ‖ New mission building included.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Berea	Walter Winant	51	11	4	3	0	3	128	1	4	37	0	1	70	$70 65	$10 45	$1,046 52	Walden, N. Y.
Bloomingburgh	J. L. Stillwell	66	6	2	2	0	2	117	5	4	0	0	1	120	125	.....	900	Bloomingburgh, "
Calicoon	Henry Unglaub	62	6	0	2	0	4	153	17	0	0	16	1	150	23	.....	700	Calicoon, "
Claraville	Vacant	48	6	0	4	0	9	48	1	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Cuddebackville	Vacant	40	0	0	6	0	1	62	0	0	0	6	1	80	50	.....	100	Cuddebackville, "
Deerpark	Ame Vennema	262	35	11	8	1	10	436	26	24	176	128	3	571	717 09	382 98	5,426 44	Port Jervis, "
Ellenville	H. A. Hendrickson	150	14	2	3	0	3	290	3	4	0	150	2	325	483 52	158 38	2,142 34	Ellenville, "
Fallsburgh	B. T. Statesir	85	6	4	5	0	4	105	1	6	0	10	3	140	236 16	.....	704 98	Woodbourne, "
Grahamsville	Vacant	42	2	2	0	0	1	94	4	2	4	0	1	65	16 78	.....	491 70	Grahamsville, "
Kerhonkson	C. Van Oostenbrugge	30	6	3	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	1	75	10	5	450	Napanoch, "
Mamakating	D. T. Harris	45	2	8	0	0	3	79	2	2	0	0	1	83	5	5	804 84	Wurtsboro, "
Minnisink	Gilbert Lane	61	3	0	2	0	1	67	4	3	0	0	2	118	.....	.....	.....	Montague, N. J.
Montgomery	R. H. M'Cready	160	39	0	6	0	6	412	10	10	0	60	3	150	909 19	64 10	2,579 56	Montgomery, N. Y.
Newburgh	R. H. Beattie	190	19	4	15	0	5	277	3	4	0	150	1	175	340 25	159 24	3,346 91	Newburgh, "
New Hurley	George W. Scarlet	113	6	2	1	1	2	186	3	2	0	100	2	150	153 50	.....	1,066 21	New Hurley, "
New Prospect	Edwin O. Moffet	106	24	2	2	0	4	*183	7	16	0	181	1	181	271 30	14	1,250 72	Pine Bush, "
Shawangunk	Joseph Dixon	90	16	3	7	1	5	187	2	7	0	70	4	200	83	.....	1,215	Bruynswick, "
Unionville	Vacant	15	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	1	40	.....	.....	53	Grahamsville, "
Walden	W. H. S. Demarest(s.c.)	155	8	14	12	0	4	331	5	5	0	265	1	265	422 16	344 38	2,284 81	Walden, "
Wallkill Valley	M. T. Conklin	96	12	7	8	0	1	174	6	6	0	0	1	205	220 13	18 53	1,633 84	Wallkill, "
Walpack, Upper	Vacant	80	6	1	0	0	3	93	1	2	1	0	2	75	16 52	10	434 85	Dingman's Ferry, Pa.
Walpack, Lower	Charles H. Whittaker	70	45	5	0	0	5	145	0	20	0	15	2	100	.....	.....	400	Bushkill, Pa.
Wawarsing	C. Van Oostenbrugge	30	7	1	1	0	2	52	2	5	0	0	1	90	35	5	600	Napanoch, N. Y.
	Total	2049	273	75	92	3	68	3682	103	124	218	1145	36	3428	$4,188 25	$1,177 06	$27,631 72	

Other Ministers.—James E. Bernart, Chester, N.Y.; John T. Demarest, D.D., New Brunswick, N. J.; S. W. Mills, D.D., Port Jervis, N.Y.; G. S. Garrison, Dingman's Ferry, Pa.

Candidate.—A. M. Gliddon, Dakota.

* Revised list.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS. Number of Families.	Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. No. of S. Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent, Denominational Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent, Other Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson	200	11	5	8	...	9	536	5	1	....	...	1	354	$1,861 49	$1,443	$3,387	Poughkeepsie, N. Y
Second Poughkeepsie	Wm. Bancroft Hill	140	11	13	9	...	4	345	1	8	....	...	1	165	1,795	1,520	4,289	" "
Fishkill	Benj. E. Dickhaut	92	3	4	...	1	6	209	..	1	....	80	1	100	304 96	131 51	2,397 67	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	Ernest Clapp	90	5	3	...	...	4	183	1	3	....	....	4	200	51 92	.....	1,141 65	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	Wm. A. Dumont	90	31	6	8	...	3	178	3	18	...	....	4	130	302 96	24 17	1,050	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	J. Howard Suydam	115	3	4	..	...	4	198	...	...	...	....	1	110	322 75	87	1,769	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	Charles W. Fritts	130	24	10	7	...	6	317	5	14	....	....	1	174	575 81	152 28	3,806 88	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	J. Ferguson Harris	60	10	4	2	...	...	*84	1	5	...	50	1	70	233 61	35	1,460	Hyde Park, "
Glenham	Vacant	36	13	...	3	...	4	95	...	...	...	....	1	90	26 89	7 86	867 36	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Edw. J. Runk	30	2	..	..	...	1	47	2	1	11	25	1	37	43 06	.....	1,038 89	Cold Spring, "
Milbrook	J. Edward Lyall	102	12	2	4	...	3	190	3	12	79	....	3	192	365 19	55	1,937 95	Milbrook, "
	Total	1089	125	51	41	1	44	2382	21	63	90	155	19	1622	$5,883 43	$3,454 81	$23,145 40	

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. A. Mattice, Pine Plains, N. Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, 25 East 22d St., New York City; Rev. H. Daten, Hawthorne, N. J.; Rev. F. F. Wilson, Asbury Park, N. J.; Rev. Philip W. Pitcher, Amoy, China.

*Revised list.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Belmont	Vacant	27	3	2	0	0	0	52	6	0	....	....	1	150	.....	.....	$1,123	Belmont, N. Y. City.
Bronxville	J. Hendrick De Vries	31	2	2	5	0	0	64	2	0	....	....	1	54	$77 99	.....	1,628 49	Bronxville, Westchester Co.,
Cortlandtown	Francis M. Bogardus.	490	0	0	0	0	1	490	6	0	....	130	2	152	62 69	.....	1,155 37	Montrose, " [N. Y.
Fordham	Joseph M. Hodson	91	7	13	10	0	2	160	0	1	....	....	1	194	858 39	$89 74	4,367 46	Fordham, N. Y. City.
Greenburgh	G. A. T. Goebel.	40	0	2	0	0	0	35	0	0	....	....	1	56	21 42	.....	808 36	Elmsford, Westchester Co.,
Greenville	Joseph A. Harper.	43	0	0	0	0	1	62	1	0	....	....	1	38	45 40	.....	1,739 65	Scarsdale, " [N. Y
Hastings	James A. Norris	72	7	3	20	0	0	93	8	3	....	....	1	95	59 47	30	1,492	Hastings, " "
Melrose	George H. Miller	126	50	0	2	1	3	346	79	2	....	14	1	478	.....	37	1,785 03	Elton Ave. & 156th St., N. Y. C
Mount Vernon	Vacant	125	0	6	13	0	1	278	8	0	....	....	1	160	265 20	70 07	3,719 05	
Park Hill	Wm. A. Beardslee (s.c.)	45	4	6	2	0	0	64	0	2	5	....	1	124	77 06	70 23	2,380	Yonkers, N. Y.
Peekskill	Henry De Vries	114	9	5	.....	....	4	179	15	3	48	....	1	116	114	.....	1,561	Peekskill, "
First, Tarrytown	John K. Allen.	125	25	6	3	0	6	290	3	5	....	....	1	225	895	427	6,872	Tarrytown, "
Second, Tarrytown	Vacant	70	2	1	10	1	4	172	2	0	21	....	1	89	64	11	2,055	
Unionville	James Jongeneel	44	4	1	1	0	0	75	2	0	20	....	1	60	65	75	701	Neperan, W'chester Co., "
West Farms	L. Curry Andrew	42	1	0	1	0	4	35	2	0	....	....	1	115	62 49	.....	1,122 96	1295 Woodruff Ave., N. Y. C.
Yonkers	David Cole	165	18	7	11	0	7	*418	15	8	130	273	1	273	485	251	8,331 39	Yonkers, N. Y.
	Total	1250	184	54	78	2	33	2413	149	24	224	417	17	2379	$3,143 11	$1,121 04	$40,931 71	

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. K. Clearwater, 474 Canal St., New York City; Rev. John A. Todd, Rev. Geo. Rockwell, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Rev. Wm. Brush, Morristown, N. J.; Rev. W. W. Rand, Secy. American Tract Society, 150 Nassau St., New York City; Rev. Howard Harris, Missionary, Japan; Rev. Wm. S Moore, Neperan, N. Y.; Rev. J. H. Bertholf, Yonkers, N. Y.

Candidate.—Henry J. Bogardus, M.D., Jersey City, N. J.

* 3 set aside by revision.

† Revised report.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

For the Year Ending May 1, 1894.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Number of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.
				Rec'd												Benevolent.			
				On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens'	No. of S Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominat'n'l Objects	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Arcot	23	19	1685	147	133	140	20	48	1929	200	157	2640	2169	116	4255	$464	.....	$836	Rev. John H. Wyckoff.
Hudson	11	12	1116	91	26	42	0	40	2070	48	35	68	688	18	1682	3,516	$980	21,276	" Jonah W. Vaughan.
Kingston	15	11	1467	103	57	82	0	55	2699	88	33	671	395	30	2856	2,214	364	17,138	" Herman Hageman.
North Long Island	25	25	2444	298	91	92	0	71	4328	555	59	25	755	31	7791	7,837	1,828	83,604	" William H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island	20	36	2407	258	171	108	1	71	4784	334	40	1009	1334	28	7245	11,505	11,315	59,299	" John S. Gardner.
New York	22	41	3411	767	500	220	3	126	8551	517	116	1184	2612	37	11393	29,187	165,275	83,820	" William Vaughan.
Orange	23	21	2049	273	75	92	3	68	3682	103	124	218	1145	36	3428	4,188	1,177	27,631	" W. H. S. Demarest.
Poughkeepsie	11	16	1089	125	51	41	1	44	2382	21	63	90	155	19	1622	5,883	3,454	23,145	" A. P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	16	20	1250	184	54	78	2	33	2413	149	24	224	417	17	2379	3,143	1,121	40,931	" Wm. Armitage Beardslee.
Total	166	201	16918	2246	1158	895	30	556	32838	2015	651	6129	9670	332	42651	$67,937	$185,514	$357,680	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by sub-committees on the Minutes of each Classis as follows, and the reports were severally accepted and adopted :

Classis of Hudson.—The books of the Classis of Hudson are all in order and neatly kept.

FRANCIS BACON.

Classis of Kingston.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Kingston report that they have examined the Minutes of the Classis and find them to be accurately and carefully kept.

LOUIS HIEBER,
H. B. ROSA.

North Classis of Long Island.—Your Committee have examined the Minutes of the North Classis of Long Island, find them in order and recommend their approval.

DAVID M. HUNTER,
A. VANDERMARK.

South Classis of Long Island.—Your Committee begs leave to report that they have examined the Minutes of the South Classis of Long Island, and find them correct and carefully transcribed.

GILBERT LANE,
DU BOIS LEFEVRE.

Classis of New York.—Your Committee on the Minutes of Classis of New York reports as follows : We have examined the Minutes and find them correctly kept. The Constitutional questions were all answered "Yes," or "In part," except three

churches, viz: Holland, Kreischerville and German Evangelical of Yorkville, who answer question 7 in the negative.

J. T. BERGEN,
H. J. BEST,
Committee.

Classis of Orange.—Your Committee have examined Minutes of Classis of Orange for the past year, and find them correctly kept and recommend their approval.

CHARLIS B. CHAPIN,
JOHN S. BUSSING.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—The minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie have been examined and found correct and their approval recommended.

J. A. NORRIS, *Chairman.*
W. N. CLARK,

Classis of Westchester.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Westchester would respectfully report that they find them neatly and correctly kept and have failed to discover anything which would require the special attention of this Particular Synod.

C. E. LASHER, *Chairman.*
GEO. STEWART, *Elder.*

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to by the Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon, after the organization, was passed in devotional exercises, led by the Rev. David Cole.

The first half hour of the Wednesday morning session was also spent in devotional exercises, led by the Vice-President.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the evening of the first day, immediately after the Synodical sermon. The form was read by the President of the Synod. The bread was administered by the Rev. George H. Burrill, and the cup by the Rev. Alfred E. Myers. The distribution of the elements was made by the Elders John S. Bussing and Francis Bacon.

The bar of the house was defined.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a Committee of Arrangements be appointed, of which the pastor of the church shall be a member, to fix the hours of meeting and adjournment during this session of Synod; to select those who are to assist in conducting the religious exercises; to set the time for the reading of the papers and the hearing of the representatives of the Boards, or other causes.

The President appointed, to serve as such committee, the Revs. J. T. Bergen and A. H. Brush, and Elder Samuel Rowland.

The committee reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Synodical Sermon to be preached and the Communion to be administered as provided by the rules, and as recorded above. The Tuesday afternoon session to adjourn at 5.45; the evening session to begin at 7.45. The Wednesday morning session to begin at 9, after the half-hour devotional exercises, the paper of the Rev. A. H. Huizinga at 9.30; Rev. J. H. Whitehead to speak for the Board of Foreign Missions at 10.05;

the Rev. W. H. Vroom for the Board of Domestic Missions at 10.15 ; paper by Rev. R. H. Beattie at 10.25. The session to adjourn at 12.30. The Rev. A. DeWitt Mason to be heard at 5.30 P.M. on Tuesday afternoon.

J. T. BERGEN, *Chairman.*

Mr. John S. Bussing, the Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions, being a member of Synod, was asked to make some statements in regard to the financial condition of the Board.

The Rev. A. DeWitt Mason, editor of the "*Mission Field,*" addressed the Synod, commending this publication to the churches within its bounds ; and on motion it was

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New York heartily commends the action of the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions in enlarging the "*Mission Field,*" and making it so much more attractive than ever before; and further, that we would urge all our ministers and elders to take such action in their several churches, as shall lead to the introduction of this Missionary magazine into every family under their care, as it now contains not only the Missionary news of the Boards, but also informs as to the Women's work, the Missionary work of the Christian Endeavor societies, and that of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, and the King's Daughters, thereby commending it to those of all ages, while the price places it within the reach of all. The Synod also desires to record that it rejoices to hear of the enlarged circulation of the "*Mission Field*" under its new management, viz : one thousand during the last three months.

The Rev. Abel H. Huizinga, Ph.D., read a paper on "Modern Criticism and the New Testament," and the Rev. Robert H. Beattie read a paper on "A General Survey of the *Innere Mission* of Germany."

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations be requested to select persons for reading papers at the next regular meeting of the Synod.

The committee reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Nominations respectfully report:

We are expected to consider the nominations, sent in from the various Classes, of Delegates to General Synod. We have examined these nominations, and having received no objections to them, recommend that they be confirmed. The names are hereto appended. (See Article XXI.)

We are further expected to nominate two brethren to read papers at the next session of this Synod. It has been suggested to us that we nominate a minister and elder, instead of two ministers as heretofore. We think well of this, and nominate the Rev. William H. Boocock, of the South Classis of Long Island, and Elder Francis Bacon, of the Classis of Westchester, *Primarii*, and, respectively to that method, as *Secundi*, Rev. David M. Hunter, of the Classis of Hudson, and Elder J. H. Cook, of the Classis of Poughkeepsie.

We recommend that the time allowed for their papers be limited to twenty minutes each.

DAVID COLE, *Chairman.*

The Rev. William H. Vroom was heard in behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions. While awaiting the arrival of the Rev. J. H. Whitehead, Synod invited the Rev. David Cole to speak on the subject of Foreign Missions. The Rev. Mr. Whitehead having arrived, was heard on the same subject.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the thanks and appreciation of this Synod be extended to Revs. A. H. Huizinga and R. H. Beattie for their instructive and entertaining papers, delivered before this body; that the Synod regrets that the very able paper of Brother Huizinga could not on account of limited time, be read entire; and that we express our gratification at learning that it is soon to be published; also

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be extended to Brothers Bussing, Vroom, Cole and Whitehead, for their addresses on Domestic and Foreign Missions.

The presence on the floor of Synod was recognized of the Revs. L. Happ, pastor of the Lutheran Church of New Utrecht; Hugh S. Carpenter, D.D., of the Congregational Church ; and W. J. Skillman, of the Particular Synod of Chicago, and these brethren were invited to sit as corresponding members.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to procure 1,000 printed blank notices of appointment to delegates to General Synod (500 *Primarii* and 500 *Secundi*).

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies (450) of the Minutes of this session of Synod.

On motion it was

Resolved, 1. That the thanks of this Synod be presented to the pastor and consistory of this church for the use of the same ; and

Resolved, 2. That the hearty thanks and best wishes of this Synod be given to the ladies of this church and congregation for the abundant provision, and gracious reception, not only in the church but in their homes ; we therefore trust that the privileges of " Equal Rights " will be conferred upon them, if they so desire.

ARTICLE XX.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer presented the following account which was referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Account, and their report, which was accepted and adopted, is as follows :

The Committee on the Treasurer's Account respectfully report that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts with the vouchers, and find them correct, and that there is a balance due the Treasurer of fourteen dollars and twenty cents ($14.20).

JOHN L. McNAIR, *Chairman.*
G. J. FOLMSBEE,
WILLIAM PALEN,
JOHN S. BUSSING.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Treasurer.*

1893.	Dr.	
May 11.	To Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for stationery and postage	$4.38
" 11.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for one copy "Revised Constitution"	.25
" 11.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for doorkeeper at New York	10.00
June 6.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for salary as Stated Clerk for year ending May 1, 1894	100.00
Aug. 1.	" Cash paid Board of Publication, R. C. A., for binding "Minutes"	2.25
" 1.	" Cash paid Hosford & Sons for 450 copies Minutes 1893	146.89
		$263.77

1893.	Cr.	
May 4.	By Cash. Balance from old account	$249.57
1894.		
May 1.	By Cash. Balance due Treasurer, to new account	14.20
		$263.77

E. E., New York, May 1, 1894.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER,
Treasurer.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Arcot.

Rev. J. W. Scudder, D.D.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. William W. Whitney,	Elder Thomas Miller, Jr.
" Jonah W. Vaughan,	" Charles Miller,
" Ferdinand S. Schenck, D.D.	" J. C. Benham, M.D.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Edward G. Ackerman,	Elder Andrew Hallenbeck,
" David M. Hunter,	" Henry Miller,
" George H. Burrill.	" Edward A. Best.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Abel H. Huizinga, Ph.D.	Elder Asa Le Fevre,
" Herman Hageman,	" J. L. Snyder,
" Samuel T. Searle.	" A. G. De Witt.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Joseph Millett,	Elder C. B. Frees,
" John L. McNair,	" Calvin Baker,
" Calvin E. Lasher,	" Wm. H. Merritt.

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Robert H. Barr, Ph.D.,	Elder Frank D. Kouwenhoven,
" Alexander Shaw,	" Thos. A. Payntor
" Franz Hartig,	" I. J. C. Hendrickson,
" James S. N. Demarest,	" Herman H. Shook,
" John Baumeister.	" Walter Greenough.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr.,	Elder Abin S. Bergen,
" C. D. Steinfuhrer,	" Christian Scherger
" Geo. D. Hulst, Ph. D.,	" Henry R. Broad,
" Augustus W. Mills,	" John E. Backus,
" John C. Guenther.	" J. H. Rott.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.,	Elder N. W. Brown,
" T. Calvin McClelland, Ph.D.,	" J. H. Lant,
" John S. Gardner,	" William Cleverly,
" Herman C. Berg, D.D.,	" Chas. L. Rickerson.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. P. Stockwell,	Elder Thomas M. Hegeman
" Wm. T. E. Adams,	" T. B. Easton,
" John T. Bergen,	" Richard Brinkerhoff,
" Jas. C. Hume.	" Chas. K. Buckley.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Henry M. Cox,	Elder J. S. Anderson,
" Joseph R. Duryee,	" Hon. H. W. Bookstaver,
" Julius W. Geyer,	" Henry Camerden,
" Palmer S. Hulbert.	" G. A. Henshaw.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye, D.D.,	Elder E. Bodine,
" Alfred H. Demarest,	" C. Curtis,
" Joachim Elmendorf, D.D.,	" C. H. During,
" Abbot E. Kittredge, D.D.,	" John C. Giffing.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Walter Winant,	Elder Geo. W. Little,
" John L. Stillwell,	" W. H. Mills,
" R. H. Beattie,	" B. B. Odell,
" Samuel W. Mills, D.D.	" C. E. Cuddeback.

SECUNDI.

Rev. G. W. Scarlett,	Elder W. H. Newman,
" Marion T. Conklin,	" Hugh Dick,
" D. T. Harris,	" J. V. Morrison,
" Benjamin T. Statesir.	" R. D. Clark.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. William A. Dumont,	Elder C. C. More,
" Benjamin E. Dickhaut,	" E. B. Dumond,
" Edward J. Runk.	" Wm. E. Smith.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Abram Mattice,	Elder Wm. M. Quintard,
" W. Bancroft Hill,	" Edward Bogardus,
" Ernest Clapp.	" Jacob L. Tremper.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. G. A. T. Goebel,	Elder A. W. Newman,
" James Jongeneel,	" John J. Linson, M.D.,
" F. M. Bogardus.	" W. J. Charlton.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. H. DeVries,	Elder N. S. King, M. D.,
" Joseph A. Harper,	" Charles Dunlop,
" David Cole, D.D.	" H. J. Graff.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in Annual Session in the Reformed Church of Fishkill, New York, on the first Tuesday of May, 1895, at 3 o'clock, P.M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned after prayer by Elder F. A. Lancashire, and the pronouncing of the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

Signed,

AME VENNEMA, *President,*
PHILIP FURBECK, *Vice-President.*

J. E. LYALL,
WM. H. ADAMS. } *Temporary Clerks.*

DANIEL VAN PELT, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF THIS SYNOD SINCE THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTICULAR SYNODS, 1870-1894.

1870—Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D.....Yonkers.
1871—Rev. Goyn Talmage.....Flushing.
1872—Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D.....Rhinebeck.
1873—Rev. John A. Todd, D.D.....Tarrytown (1st).
1874—Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D.....Poughkeepsie (2d).
1875—Rev. John McC. Holmes, D.D.....Brooklyn (1st).
1876—Rev. David Inglis, D.D.....Port Jervis.
1877—Rev. Joachim Elmendorf.....Yonkers.
1878—Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D.D.....Newburgh.
1879—Rev. Charles I. Shepard.....Greenpoint.
1880—Rev. William Ormiston, D.D.....Mount Vernon.
1881—Rev. David Cole, D.D.....Montgomery.
1882—Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck.....Jamaica, L. I.
1883—Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D.....Brighton Heights, S. I.
1884—Rev. David N. Vanderveer.....New York (South).
1885—Rev. Herman C. Berg.....Yonkers.
1886—Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.....Newburgh.
1887—Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D.D., M.D.Claverack.
1888—Rev. William H. Gleason, D.D.....Kingston.
1889—Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D.....Poughkeepsie (1st).
1890—Rev. Lewis Francis.....N. Y. City (48 St. Col.)
1891—Rev. James Demarest, D.D.....Tarrytown (1st).
1892—Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye, D.D.....Brooklyn (South Bushwick).
1893—Rev. John L. McNair.....N. Y. City (Bloomingdale).
1894—Rev. Ame Vennema.....New Utrecht, L. I.

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THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE REFORMED CHURCH OF FISHKILL, N. Y., ON TUESDAY, THE 7TH OF MAY, 1895, AT 3 O'CLOCK P. M., AND ADJOURNED AT 4:25 O'CLOCK P. M. OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE SESSION.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by the retiring President, the Rev. Ame Vennema, who also preached the Synodical sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from Acts iv: 14, "And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.—Minister—John Scudder, M.D.

Classis of Hudson.—Ministers—George D. Lydecker Benjamin A. Bartholf, Mortimer Smith, Jonah W. Vaughan. *Elders*—Mark Ayers, George E. Vosburgh, Joseph Shutts.

Classis of Kingston.—Ministers—Samuel T. Searle, Herman Hageman. *Elders*—C. C. Oliver, N. S. Davis, Du Bois Le Fevre.

North Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—Frederick W. Hock, Daniel Van Pelt. *Elders*—

South Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—Cornelius E. Wyckoff, A. De W. Mason. *Elders*—Wm. N. Williamson, C. L. Rickerson, J. C. Pool.

Classis of New York.—Ministers—Edward J. Runk, H. L. Franzen, Hasbrouck Du Bois, A. G. Vermilye, D.D. *Elders*—William N. Clark, John C. Giffing.

Classis of Orange.—Ministers—Marion T. Conklin, Joseph Dixon, Robert H. Beattie. *Elders*—J. E. Graham, Clark Decker.

Classis of Poughkeepsie. — Ministers — Charles W. Fritts, D.D., J. Edward Lyall, Benjamin E. Dickhaut. *Elders*—M. E. Curtis, C. C. More, Edward Bogardus, F. R. Benjamin.

Classis of Westchester.—Ministers—Francis M. Bogardus, Frank S. Scudder, William P. Bruce. *Elders*—Alfred Reynolds, N. S. King, M.D.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. Charles W. Fritts was chosen President, and the Rev. Benjamin E. Dickhaut Vice-President. The Revs. William P. Bruce and Marion T. Conklin were chosen Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST.

The Minutes of the Session of 1894 were read, and the printed record of them approved. The Bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were the Standing Committees:

On Synodical Minutes — *Ministers* — Samuel T. Searle, Benjamin A. Bartholf, Frederick W. Hock. *Elders* —Mark Ayers, Clark Decker, C. C Oliver.

On Classical Minutes —*Arcot.*— ——— ——— *Hudson.*—Rev. E. J. Runk. *Elder*—J. C. Giffing. *Kingston.*—Rev. Mortimer Smith. *Elder*—N. S. King. *North Long Island.*—Rev. George D. Lydecker. *Elder*—Du Bois Le Fevre. *South Long Island.*—Rev. Frank S. Scudder. *Elder*—F. R. Benjamin. *New York.*—Rev. Robert H. Beattie. *Elder* –J. E. Graham. *Orange.*—Rev. Jonah W. Vaughan. *Elder*—Edward Bogardus. *Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. Joseph Dixon. *Elder*—George E. Vosburgh. *Westchester.*—Rev. M. T. Conklin. *Elder*—Wm. N. Clark.

On Classical Reports, or the State of Religion. —*Ministers*—J. Edward Lyall, Robert H. Beattie, A. De W. Mason. *Elders*—J. C. Giffing, A. F. Hazen, J. E. Graham.

On the Treasurer's Account. — *Ministers* — Hasbrouck Du Bois, F. M. Bogardus, Joseph Dixon. *Elders*—J. C. Pool, N. S. Davis, F. R. Benjamin.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—*Ministers*—

George D. Lydecker, F. S. Scudder, H. Hageman. *Elders*—Edward Bogardus, Joseph Shutts, Wm. N. Williamson.

On Nominations.—*Ministers*—John Scudder, J. W. Vaughan, F. W. Hock. *Elders*—Wm. N. Clark, N. S. King, M. E. Curtis.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions informing Synod that the Rev. John Scudder, M.D., a member of Synod from the Classis of Arcot, India, had been asked to act as representative of the Board upon the floor of Synod, and asking that a time be set apart for a hearing to be given him.

Referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, stating that the Rev. A. H. Brush had been appointed to represent that Board at the present session of Synod.

Referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

A communication was received from the Rev. A. DeWitt Mason, editor of *The Mission Field*, asking for a hearing before Synod on behalf of that publication, and to give an account of the missionary work of the Y.P.S.C.E. of our Church.

Referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

Papers were received from the Stated Clerk of the Classis of New York, which were copies of original documents in the case of an appeal from a decision of the Classis on the part of the Consistory of the Holland Reformed Church of New York City.

Referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

A communication was received from the Stated Clerk of the Classis of Orange, conveying a copy of a resolution passed by that Classis on October 16th, 1894, suggesting that the printing of the Minutes of this Particular Synod be discontinued hereafter, and setting forth the reasons therefor.

Referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

A communication was received from the Rev. David Cole, D.D., of Yonkers, extending an invitation to this Synod to hold its next regular annual session, in May, 1896, in their church.

Synod accepted the invitation, directing the Stated Clerk to inform the Rev. Dr. Cole, and to express its thanks for the courtesy.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Education, stating the amount per family contributed to that Board by the churches within this Synod, and asking that the contributions to the cause of education be increased, if possible, by adopting the plan of giving one cent a week per family.

It was directed to be read for the information of Synod, under the Article XIV, "Schools and Christian Education."

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes report that the Minutes of General Synod for 1894 and the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago, New Brunswick and New York for the same year, have been put into their hands, and that they find nothing claiming the attention of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. SEARLE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS OR THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on Classical Reports or the State of Religion, reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Classical Reports, or the State of Religion, respectfully reports that all the nine Classes comprising this Synod have sent reports consisting of statistical tables and general remarks thereon. All speak thankfully of the past and hopefully of the future. It might be possible to add several pages to the annual report, but inasmuch as it has been the custom in past years to publish the Classical reports in full—both remarks and statistics—it is recommended that this custom shall be followed this year, and every church be thus allowed to speak for itself.

J. EDWARD LYALL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

The year has been one of steady advance. The communicants have increased, over all losses, by 69, and now number within 4 of 2,000. In 1874 their number was 738, and in 1854, the year of the organization of the Classis, the number in full communion was only 26. The contributions for congregational purposes are more than 200 rupees in excess of last year, while no fewer than 4,401 children are enrolled in Sabbath Schools. At the last meeting of Classis a Home Missionary Society was established to assist in supporting native evangelists. A considerable sum of money has already been pledged, and Classis hopes at its next meeting to set apart some of the native brethren for this work. At the beginning of the year Rev. Erskine Thavamani, a licenciate from our

Theological Seminary, was ordained to the ministry and installed Pastor of the Kalpadi Church, thus filling the place made vacant by the lamented Pastor Abraham William. An interesting feature of the occasion was the fact that the young pastor, on accepting the call, relinquished the whole salary that he had hitherto been drawing from the Mission, and determined to rely entirely upon native support.

Three young men, who had taken the full four years' course in the Theological Seminary, Meshach Peter, John Wilkins and Jonas Sundram, presented their professional certificates at the January meeting of Classis, and after examination were licensed to preach the Gospel. All three have been assigned to important posts in the Mission Two honored brethren of the Classis, Rev. W. W. Scudder, D.D., and Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D D., were forced on account of feeble health to leave India during the middle of the year. Their presence and counsels are greatly missed. Dr. Scudder, by reason of his advanced age, cannot be expected to return. One of the original members of the Classis, he was privileged to see the Church of Christ in Arcot, which sprung from a slender shoot in 1854, develope into a tree with boughs and flowers and fruit. Our heartiest benedictions follow him to the home land. At the semi-annual meeting we were happy to receive Rev. J. A. Beattie from the Classis of Montgomery, and later in the year Rev. Jared W. Scudder, D.D., returned to take charge of our Theological Seminary.

J. H. WYCKOFF, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

The Committee on the State of Religion reports as follows:

Reports have been received from all of our churches. A most healthful activity is plainly manifest among them, and in nearly all, the year has been a prosperous one, both spiritually and financially. Two of the churches have been without pastors during the year, but both of them have elected pastors, and are looking forward to the new year with strong courage and good hopes. More

have been received, both on confession of faith and on certificate, than last year, and our total enrolment is larger. We have also more scholars in our Sabbath Schools, and we have increased in our benevolent contributions, both to the Denominational Boards and to other objects. The number taken from among us by death is much smaller than last year. Looking at the reports all in all, it is truly a year to give God thanks for.

First, Claverack, speaks of a growing spirit of united endeavor among the people, of prayer-meetings well maintained, of a Home Department of the Sabbath School that has increased in numbers and interest, and of benevolent and congregational contributions well maintained notwitstanding the financial stress of the times.

Gallatin reports the loss by death of several of her older members, but looks hopefully to the Sabbath School and the Christian Endeavor Society for additions in the near future.

Germantown has felt the pressure of the hard times, but reports the public services, both on the Sabbath and during the week, as well attended, and rejoices in a slight increase in the number of communicants.

Greenport has been without a pastor, and sends only a statistical report.

Hudson reports continued prosperity, and a year of busy work along many lines. The Catechism has been expounded from the pulpit and systematically taught by the Pastor to the entire Sabbath School. Much has been done for the church, and in mission work of various kinds, by the different organizations of young people. A Young Men's Sunday Evening and Good Citizenship Club is especially mentioned. The benevolent offerings of the church have largely increased in several directions, and there have been gratifying additions to the membership on confession of faith.

Linlithgo has had a year of steady growth. Christian

character has been developed, especially among the younger people. The Society of Christian Endeavor has been of great value to the church, both religiously and socially.

Livingston at Linlithgo has been without a pastor, but the church has been greatly blessed through the labors of him who has acted as stated supply since November, and who has been already called to the pastorate. Twenty-two have been received on confession of faith.

Mellenville desires to acknowledge the good hand of the Lord. At the last communion it was permitted to welcome 27 to its membership, 21 on confession of their faith. The contributions of the church have increased in every direction, both for benevolent objects and for congregational purposes.

Philmont reports at the close of the third year of its history that there has not been a communion since its organization at which additions have not been received. At the last communion 12 were welcomed from the Junior Christian Endeavor Society. The benevolent offerings have surpassed any preceding year, and have exceeded the amount apportioned to the church for Missions. It reports an increasing average attendance in its Sabbath-school, and a flourishing Home Department.

Upper Red Hook mourns the loss by death of its Sabbath-school Superintendent, an earnest worker in the church. During the year 12 have been received on confession of faith. A Circle of the King's Daughters has been formed, and is proving itself zealous in missionary activity. Through the energy of the ladies, a new carpet has been laid in the church, and church and parsonage have been painted.

West Copake reports a year of anxiety, on account of the prolonged illness of her pastor. For several weeks been he has entirely laid aside from work. The work of the church, however, in all departments has been well maintained. The Sabbath evening service has been conducted

by the Christian Endeavor Society. The church rejoices in six additions on confession of faith, and others are expected in the near future.

There has been but one ministerial change during the year. In July, Rev. Edward G. Ackerman was released from the pastorate at Greenport. He still remains a member of the Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. BURRILL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

Your Committee on the State of Religion respectfully reports as follows:

There have come to our hands reports from all our churches. In nearly every instance these are full of encouragement. All our churches now have regular ministrations, either by settled pastors or by stated supply. Many of our churches have received special manifestations of the Spirit's grace and power, which is evidenced by the number of accessions from the world. If all have not been signally blessed, surely the sower can rejoice with the reaper. Some of our weaker churches have been strengthened, while the stronger have gone from strength to strength.

We report a net gain in families of 111. In accessions from all sources, deducting losses by death and otherwise, a net gain of 199. In membership in Sabbath-schools a gain of 326.

The one cause of regret is a small falling off in contributions to denominational objects amounting to $70. Our contributions to "other objects" of benevolence has increased nearly $200. And the contributions to congregational purposes has increased by the sum of $3,000.

Considering the financial depression, this speaks well for the willingness of our people to honor the Lord with their substance, and with the first-fruits of all their increase. Altogether the outlook is a prosperous one. We can thank the Lord and take courage.

Bloomingdale reports another year of steady, earnest work. God has answered prayer in the conversion of some and in the quickening of others. There has been a gain of 38 in the Sabbath-school. The church is free from debt. A Woman's Missionary Society has been recently organized, and is in good working order.

The Clove.—Noble service has been rendered by a majority of the members, which God has honored with blessed results. The Sunday-schools maintain their usual efficiency. The C. E. Societies are true to their motto. The Missionary Society has kept up its customary zeal, and our benevolent contributions have been largely increased by their efforts. Special services held during the month of January were greatly blessed. The Clove Chapel district makes special note, with gratitude, of a beautiful communion service, the loving gift of Mr. John S. Bussing of New York City.

Dashville Falls. — The services of the church and Sunday-school are well attended. The number of young people regularly present in both of them makes the future very hopeful.

Gardiner reports a steady, healthful growth, both in number of families and in membership. Loyalty to the denomination is shown in the arrangement of a schedule for offerings to all the boards and funds of the church. A monthly concert of prayer for Missions is held. This augurs well for the future prosperity of this new enterprise, and is a worthy example to some of our older churches, who seemingly have not risen to a full conception of their duty and privilege as constituent members of our denomination.—[Com.]

Guilford.—The word has been preached and the ordinances administered regularly. Biblical instruction has been statedly imparted to the children. Good attention has been given to the means of grace, yet few apparently have realized or felt their power. Hence we are forced to cry, with the prophet of old, "Who hath believed our report?"

Hurley.—The usual services have been maintained. The severe winter has made the attendance varied. Special interest has been shown in the C. E. prayer meeting, and in the union prayer meeting held at South Hurley. A C. E. League and a Woman's Missionary Society and the Sabbath-school have all been active in the support of our denominational Mission work in both of its branches. The Lord has not forsaken us. We rely on the promise, "My word shall not return unto me void,"

Kingston, Fair St.—This church has had one of the most prosperous years of its history. The coming of the new pastor has infused new life, and every line of church work is greatly revived. The attendance at divine service is very gratifying, the audience room sometimes being full to overflowing. The seed sown has resulted in an ingathering of 50, and more are ready to unite at the next communion. The church grounds have been beautified by the erection of a new parsonage.

Krumville.—The church has been very much blessed during the past year. God has remembered us with a number who have confessed their faith in Christ. We have a good Sunday-school and a C. E. Society, all working hard for the upbuilding of the church.

Lyonsville.—The work of the church has gone on prosperously. Special services were held during the winter, and as a result 43 united with the church on confession. The attendance at the services of the church has greatly increased. A flourishing C. E. Society has been started.

Marbletown reports a year of increased activity. The ingatherings have not been as large as we had hoped for, but we are still planting the seed of truth in faith and prayer. Contributions for all purposes show a marked increase over last year. A new Mason and Hamlin Liszt organ has been purchased, at a cost of $400, through the efforts of the ladies. They have also shown a worthy zeal in the matter of benevolence. The same may be said of the C. E. Society.

North Marbletown.—This year has not been without its encouraging features. Seven have been added to the little flock from the world. Our benevolent offerings have been increased. We support a Woman's Missionary Society and a C. E. Society and two Sabbath-schools. We have suffered by the hand of death, especially in the departure of Elder James Van Steenburgh, an active, godly man.

New Paltz.—Though reporting a change of pastors during the year, the various departments of church work have been kept up. The Sabbath congregations are well sustained. Our prayer is that the early and later rains of God's grace may descend upon His vineyard, that the fruits thereof may abound and His people be encouraged and strengthened.

Rochester.—The word and sacraments have been regularly dispensed. Sabbath-school instruction has been imparted from week to week. All the lines of our church work have been conducted, as we believe, with commendable zeal. Though there have been no seasons of special interest, the addition of seventeen, gathered into the communion of the church from the world, shows that God abides with us, for which we bless Him, and to Him be all the glory.

Rosendale reports a year of great prosperity. The church has been renovated, at a cost of over $3,300. God has honored us with the outpouring of His Holy Spirit. Fifty-three have been gathered into the church on confession. Owing to business depression and repairs on the church, the benevolent offerings have not amounted to what is desired.

St. Remy.—Our church services are largely attended. Our prayer meetings show a marked increase of power. The Sabbath-school is a praise in the earth. We are thankful to God for the presence of His Holy Spirit and the conversion of souls.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

On July 11, 1894, the pastoral relation between the church of New Paltz and Rev. A. H. Huizinga, Ph.D., was dissolved, and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Chicago, Ill.

Rev. E. V. V. Searle, who was examined and licensed on May 21, 1894, was dismissed to the Classis of Orange, November 12, 1894.

May 21, 1894, Wm. Coombs was received from the Classis of Orange, and June 21st installed pastor of the church of Rosendale.

Rev. Chandler A. Oakes, Ph.D., was received from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, N. Y., on June 21, 1894, and afterwards installed as pastor of the Fair St. Church, Kingston, N. Y.

Rev. Edward Niles was received from the Presbytery of New York on May 21, 1894, as a candidate. He was duly examined for licensure and ordination, and on July 11, 1894, he was ordained and installed as pastor of the church of Gardiner, N. Y.

Mr. E. H. Keator, a licentiate of the Baptist church of Rosendale, was received as such, after a due and satisfactory examination, on July 11, 1894.

On November 26, 1894, Rev. John G. Fagg was received from the Classis of Schoharie, and shortly after installed as pastor of the church of New Paltz.

GEORGE DAVIS, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Up to the moment of writing our report, which is the very last evening before the meeting of Classis, we have received reports from eighteen churches, leaving six from whom nothing has yet been heard. This obviously makes it difficult, if not impossible, to give any general account of the state of religion in our churches that will be at all satisfactory. Those that have reported seem to rejoice very generally in a prosperous condition of affairs spiritually. The hard times have affected most of the churches financially, reducing their benevolent contribu-

tions, and making it difficult to meet expenses. Yet Jamaica and Queens come forward with the report of a remarkable increase in benevolence. We can submit no conclusions based on a comparison of totals of columns compared with those of last year, because so many churches have not been heard from.

Jamaica reports all the departments of church work in successful operation. While no marked increase in the membership can be pointed to, the services have all been well attended, and at times deep spiritual feeling has been manifested. The large number of dismissals reported is due to the removal of several families from the neighborhood. The devotion of the people to denominational interests is shown by their liberal gifts. There is an increase this year over the yearly average maintained during the past eight years of no less than $405.50. This is especially gratifying in view of the prevailing hard times.

Newtown reports with gratitude and hopefulness that after a vacancy of seven or eight months they secured their present pastor, the Rev. Charles K. Clearwater. Called with remarkable unanimity, he entered upon his charge with energy and success. The attendance upon the Sunday services has materially increased, and all the church work has taken on a more encouraging tone. The various Societies, Missionary and Christian Endeavor, have been of great utility. The work of the Mission at Winfield continues to grow. The Sunday-school has increased, and preaching services have been maintained by the mission pastor. In temporal matters, the church reports the new parsonage finished, and clear of all debt. The contributions have increased. It is felt that for many reasons the old church at Newtown ought to be thankful, as the prospects are brighter than for many a year before.

Oyster Bay observes that the general work of the church has been maintained with encouraging results. The field is limited as to numbers, but it is felt to be large

enough to elicit their best efforts, and to encourage them with the hope of an abundant harvest from the seed sown.

North Hempstead remarks that it is in good condition spiritually and financially. A debt of over $800 has been paid off, and the attendance at the regular services has steadily increased. The congregation are united in their efforts to continue the work of the church.

Williamsburgh.—No remarks.

Astoria says:—"The record of the past year has been such as to encourage all hearts. The audiences have increased, and are on the average about equally large at both morning and evening services. The prayer meetings have been well attended on the whole; while the Christian Endeavor Society has been very active in its own sphere, keeping alive an interest among the young people. We cannot point to many accessions to the roll of members, but an earnest spirit seems to prevail among the hearers; and especially on Sunday evenings we notice a gratifying attendance of young men, who listen with thoughtful attention to the presentation of the Gospel."

Flushing remarks: "The work of this church has been carried on during the past year with a good degree of zeal and success. The presence of the Holy Spirit has been made manifest in renewing and upbuilding grace. To the societies previously existing in the church a Chapter of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip has been added, from which we hope for good results among the young men. We are encouraged by the blessing of the Lord on our work thus far, to press on in His service with new zeal and devotion in the future."

Kent Street, Brooklyn, reports that the history of the church during the year was uneventful until a few weeks ago, when a number of members connected with the Missions sustained by the church, withdrew from the com-

communion of the church and from the work of the Mission, led by the missionary-in-charge. These people have started a separatist movement, disconnected from the fellowship of any church. The Consistory has engaged another missionary, and it is hoped the mission work will soon recover from this untoward event, as the unhappy circumstance is resulting in increased seriousness of purpose to do a good work for the Master among the people of the church. For the rest, the work in all the departments of church activity has been good. Losses by reason of removal of families from this part of the city continue to occur, but the congregation has sought to make good the pecuniary loss by increased offerings.

South Bushwick reports that the year has been a fairly prosperous and pleasant one. An event worthy of special note was the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the pastorate, which took place on July 1st and 2d, 1894, and gave occasion to the expression of much good feeling and rejoicing. The year has been one of entire harmony and peace. The Sabbath School report a smaller attendance than last year, but is in reality larger, as heretofore the total number of scholars in attendance during the year was reported, while this year we give the total of scholars now on the roll. The average number present each session now is about 770.

Second Astoria says: "We are extremely grateful for what God hath wrought in our midst during the past year. Our services have been held regularly, and on the whole they have been well attended. Although many of our people suffered from the business depression, their offerings to the Lord have not been withheld. Our Sunday-school is in a flourishing condition. Peace and harmony are prevailing in our midst. Our Ladies' Aid Society continues to be a real blessing to our church. Three of our younger ladies received grace from above to assume the responsibility of supporting a catechist in India."

East Williamsburgh.—No report.

Queens reports: "We have had a quiet year of steady work. Services have been as well attended as usual. The evening audiences have somewhat increased. We were hoping for some decided results from eight days of special services, held afternoon and evening, during December, conducted by Rev. C. E. Davidson. But beyond a good attendance and temporary apparent interest, there was no more than ordinary fruitage." The report goes on to mention the building of an addition to the chapel, costing $1,000, and paid for by a legacy by Elder Hendrickson. It speaks also with pardonable pride of the excellent choir the church possesses; and it concludes as follows: "Notwithstanding the stringency of the times, our contributions for congregational purposes exceed last year by $457.12; and for benevolence by $115.96. With all this temporal prosperity there is spiritual growth, but little indicated, however, as yet, by open confession of Christ."

German Evangelical, Brooklyn, reports that "the affairs, from the figures, may seem to indicate a prosperous condition, yet in reality they are on the decline by reason of an influx of Polish Jews into the neighborhood. Though additions to the membership are not many, a good spiritual condition prevails. The Sunday-shool work has been especially encouraging. The many societies of the church are doing well under some difficulties. The Lord has given open and earnest hearts responsive to the simple presentation of the Gospel. The Pastor and Consistory, summing up the work for the year, can rejoice and say, 'Ebenezer.'"

Sayville presents its annual report "with feelings of devout thankfulness and reasons for encouragement. The church work has been going on steadily and progressively. Both preaching services and the Sunday-school have been well attended. Peace and harmony are prevailing." A debt on the parsonage has been cancelled. The report concludes: "The Lord be praised for what He has done, and may He grant us His blessing in the future,

as it has been experienced in the past, to the honor and glory of His name!"

Locust Valley says: "We have had a year which will long be remembered on account of the almost unparalleled drouth and consequent shortage of crops, and the need of retrenchment in expenditures. We are, however, glad to report no diminution in the means for carrying on the Lord's work committed to our charge. A deeper interest than usual in Church, Sunday-school, and Christian Endeavor Society is quite noticeable."

College Point says: "We rejoice this year in the return of some of our former members, and in a fair number of accessions. Our work has been enlarged by a steadily growing Junior Christian Endeavor Society. The Sunday-school has been a feature of the year's effort. Our attendances are more nearly uniform, and the interest of teachers and scholars has very much increased. As a whole the year has been active and prosperous.

First Reformed, Long Island City, remarks that the year has been one of no special work of grace, but a good degree of interest has been maintained. Contributions have remained fully up to those of former years, notwithstanding the hard times, and the fact of the removal of some of the best families. The church services, Sunday-school and prayer meeting have been well sustained. Children are trained to handle the Bible itself in the study of the lessons. Instruction in the Catechism is given. The Christian Endeavor Society and Woman's Auxiliary to Missions have done good work.

Bushwick.—No report.

German Evangelical, Jamaica, is able to give an encouraging account of itself The regular services have been marked by an increased attendance. In the Sabbath School the teachers have worked faithfully and successfully. A Christian Endeavor Society has been started with good results. The hard times have caused a decrease

in the contributions to the Board, but the state of religion is full of promise.

Hicksville observes that the hard times have made themselves felt in their community. Peace and harmony prevail in the church. The village is rapidly growing, and as soon as practicable the various societies will become Auxiliary Missionary Societies. "We are trusting in the good Lord, and look for the rich outpouring of His Spirit at no distant day."

German, Second, Newtown, looks back over the past year and observes, with gratitude, that the Lord has blessed the church, both spiritually and financially. Although not as yet self-sustaining, the church entertains the hope of soon being able to undertake its own support. The membership is steadily increasing, and the activity of the people is commendable in all departments of church work. The services are well attended, and a semi-monthly prayer meeting is regularly held. The societies work in harmony and union for the Master. The benevolent contributions have doubled. The new parsonage is nearly completed.

Steinway's Consistory reports, with sincere gratitude, that the blessing of God has rested upon their church. The parsonage has been completed, and is paid for, and no debt whatever rests upon the church property "The church attendance has been uniformly good and growing. The Sunday-school, Christian Endeavor, and Woman's Missionary Societies are strong spiritual forces, and have all increased in interest." The power of the Holy Spirit has been manifested among the people, and souls won for Christ.

Church of Jesus, Brooklyn, are thankful for the year of grace just closed, and the help vouchsafed them by the Lord in the course of it. It is recorded as a joyful and blessed day for the congregation when they could dedicate and occupy their new church building. It is not quite completed, but it affords a home for the people in

the basement while the remainder is building. The attendance at the services is very good, and the Sunday-school has an enlarged enrolment. There is a flourishing Ladies' Aid Society. The people are full of hope because the future of the church is full of promise.

New Hyde Park thanks the Lord for all the blessings of the past year. Special services for three weeks after the week of prayer resulted in the conversion of some, and the quickening of others. A Sunday-school library and a Ladies' Aid Society add much to the efficiency of the general church work. Cottage prayer meetings have supplemented the regular meeting. From the Sunday-school of the First Reformed Church of Hackensack, N. J., a beautiful communion table was received. The hard times, and the removal of some of the best supporters have compelled them to apply for aid to the Board of Domestic Missions. Yet the church looks for brighter days, and hopes, with God's blessing, to accomplish more in the coming year.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES

The Rev. Charles K. Clearwater was received from the Classis of Westchester, October 16th, 1894, and installed as pastor of the Church of Newtown, November 14th, 1894. The pastoral relation between the Rev. A W. Mills and the First Reformed Church of Williamsburgh was dissolved January 15th, 1895.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL VAN PELT, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee on the State of Religion have received reports from all the churches, except Bedford, and would state that the churches generally are in a healthy condition, although the accessions to the membership on confession fall considerably below the mark of last year; and so do also the contributions for denominational objects.

The Committee earnestly call the attention of the Classis to the fact that benevolent contributions to "Other Objects" are far in excess of those to Denominational Objects.

The detailed reports are as follows:

First Reformed.—No report, except statistical table.

Flatbush.—During the past year the Gospel has been faithfully preached by our pastor, Rev. C. L. Wells, D.D., who has almost completed the thirty-second year of his pastorate over our church. Notwithstanding his long service in the ministry, his natural force is not abated, and both morning and evening, and at the Friday evening prayer meeting, he preaches without notes.

Both our Sunday-schools are in a very prosperous condition. The prayer meeting has its quota of regular attendants. During the past year one of our elders, Mr. Abraham I. Ditmas, was suddenly called to his reward. In his death the church has lost an efficient member, a wise counselor and an earnest Christian.

God has blessed us during the past year by the addition of two members by confession of their faith, and ten by certificate. At the Grace Chapel Branch of our church there were received ten by confession and two by certificate.

Grace Chapel.—The record of the past year has been one of slow but steady progress. Large and rapid growth is at present impossible, but with the growth of the community the church is bound to thrive. All who have come within our reach speak pleasantly of our new church building and our methods of worship, and their steady attendance is evidence of their sincerity. The means of grace employed at the Chapel during the year were the preaching services, pastoral visitation, the Sunday-school, a teachers' weekly Bible class, prayer meetings, the Y. P. S. C. E., the Jr. Y. P. S C. E., and the monthly distribution of tracts. The envelope system of raising finances works well.

New Utrecht.—Our church life for the past year, while unmarked by any special feature, has not been unimportant nor discouraging. Progress is noticeable in our Sunday-schools, the Christian. Endeavor Societies, and in the other organizations of the church. The benevolence of the church has enlarged, and the offerings for these purposes have in amount been nearly half as much as those made for congregational purposes.

Gravesend.—The year has been one of steady growth and bright prospects for the future. Large congregations are in attendance upon the means of grace, since our entrance into our new church edifice, which was dedicated October 28, 1894. The Sunday-schools are in a flourishing condition. Prayer meetings are well attended, but our benevolent work is not quite up to the standard, owing to the unsettled conditions during the year.

Flatlands.—The interest in the Sunday-school, Endeavor and Missionary organizations has been well sustained during the year, and good work has been done. A Society of King's Daughters has been formed, which has expended large effort for the relief of the destitute in our own midst. The services on the Lord's day and the prayer meetings have been well attended. The amount raised for benevolence is about the same as in the previous year.

New Lots.—All the services of the church have been continued during the past year without interruption. The Sabbath-school is increasing in numbers every year, and on account of the large number in it, as well as in the Society of Junior Christian Endeavor, there is great hope for the future of the church. We aim to develop the missionary spirit in the youth of the church, and our monthly concerts have been largely attended.

East New York.—The church is in a healthy and hopeful condition, and the services are well attended. The Sabbath school is doing a well organized work. A Sabbath evening prayer meeting is conducted by its

members, and is drawing the young under its influences. The various Societies of Senior and Junior Endeavor, the Young People's Association for financial assistance and Woman's Missionary Society are doing excellent work; and of the $5,000 credited to other objects, we would say was in large part given to the Twenty-sixth Ward Branch of the Y. M. C. A., which is doing a noble work.

South Brooklyn.—The South Reformed Church reports a year of unhindered Gospel labor and constant blessing. Our consistory has been enlarged by the addition of one elder and one deacon, in order to meet the growing requirements of our field. We have received some very useful new members, and there is also a considerable increase of attendants. Four of our older members have been called to their reward.

Twelfth Street.—No report except statistical table.

North Reformed reports that the church is enjoying a season of peace and prosperity. There is a healthy condition evident in all the departments of the work.

Church-on-the-Heights.—The close of the first year of Mr. Adam's pastorate marks an improved condition in the church. There have been awakened an increased spiritual interest, a stronger feeling of responsibility, and greater loyalty and faithfulness, than have been experienced for some time.

Bethany Chapel.—The year has not been so fruitful as we had hoped. But we have not been inactive; mere tabular results do not show the work done. In spite of hard times, over two thousand dollars have been raised—far in advance of the usual amount. Two new and promising features are the Boys' Brigade, which is very flourishing and is tending to strengthen all our services; and the Employment Committee, through whose instrumentality large numbers of our people are helped to situations. On the 20th of May we celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the occupation of the present building, and cordially invite Classis to be present at the same.

New Brooklyn.—Reports that its efficient pastor has been greatly hindered in his work, for a part of the year, by illness. The church is in a flourishing condition.

Second Flatbush.—Reports unusual financial depression, and to accomplish the work needed will probably require increased assistance.

Canarsie.—The congregation has greatly improved its church property, by the erection of a new steeple; it has also decorated the interior, purchased a new pipe organ, recarpeted the floor, and paid $100 on the mortgage on the parsonage. The various services of the church are well attended.

Bedford.—No report.

St. Thomas, W. I.—Reports that in March, 1894, an arrangement was made with the Rev. James Foster, resident pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, to take pastoral charge of this church. This arrangement was necessitated by the embarrassed state of the church finances. Since that time all the services of the church have been regularly maintained, and well attended. It is with regret we report that the temporal prospects of St Thomas are very unfavorable.

Ocean Hill.—Reports a harmonious condition of its affairs. A growing spiritual interest seems to be developing in the Sunday-school, and our youth are awakening to a greater activity in church work. The Gospel has been regularly dispensed; and the Cross of Christ has been the basis of the theme. Frequent removals counterbalancing new recruits is our greatest trial.

Edgewood.—Reports progress in all the departments of their work. They have suffered nothing from the "hard times," and have finished the fiscal year with no deficit. Practical efforts are being made to enlarge the chapel, and the work will soon be begun. "Spiritually, we have been blessed in many ways, and at the next commun-

ion we will receive more than the whole number received during the year." A Junior Y. P. S. C. E. was organized this last month. The Sunday-school has grown in numbers and usefulness.

Ridgewood.—Reports that amidst many discouraging features she is yet hopeful. The Gospel has been faithfully preached throughout the year past. The congregation is becoming better organized, and the work thus far has been carried on mainly to future growth and usefulness. The prayer meetings have been well sustained, with an average attendance of at least twenty-five. The Sunday-school numbers 175. We regret that a better statistical showing cannot at this time be made, but still we are hopeful for the future of this work.

Greenwood Heights.—The united prayers and labors of pastor and people connected with this little vineyard of the Lord have been greatly blessed during the past year. Twelve new families have been added to our number; twenty also to our communion, and the increase in Sunday services and prayer meetings has been over one hundred per cent. The C. E. Society and Ladies' Aid have aided materially in bringing about this measure of prosperity. The future outlook seems especially encouraging.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The Rev. A. De Witt Mason was on April 17, 1894, received from the Classis of Passaic.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Jacob Weber and the church of New Brooklyn was dissolved April 17, 1894.

On June 14, 1894, the Rev. James M. Dickson was received from the Association of Congregational Ministers of Rhode Island, and on July 2d installed pastor of East New York Church of Brooklyn.

On June 14, 1894, the Rev. F. C. Erhardt was received from Classis of New York, and on July 22, 1894, installed pastor of church of New Brooklyn.

On September 1, 1894, the licentiate Mr. John H. Raven was dismissed to Classis of New Brunswick.

The Rev. Jesse W. Brooks was on October 16, 1894, dismissed to the Classis of Illinois.

On March 25, 1895, the pastoral relation between the Rev. H. C. Berg and the Bedford Church was dissolved, to take effect April 8th.

The Rev. A. R. Thompson died on February 7, 1895.

NICHOLAS PEARSE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Your Committee on the State of Relgion, like previous committees, feel compelled to complain that some of the reports from the churches were delayed so long in reaching them, that it has been difficult to prepare the statistical tables, and to form an estimate of the general condition of the churches. In a few cases this delay has been due to sickness; in others, we fear to an inexcusable carelessness; in still other instances to the fact that the pastors or clerks of consistories were waiting to bring the statistics up to the date when Classis was to meet. In order to obviate the last named difficulty, we suggest that the calculation should be made from April 1st to April 1st. Then the reports can be sent in early, and the Chairman of the Committee will be able to maintain his equanimity, and do better justice to his work.

In reviewing the statistics, we are pleased to note in the Collegiate Church an increase of contributions to our Boards, but we find no report of expenditure for congregational purposes. Harlem gives no report of number of families, or of contributions for congregational purposes. If possible, these columns should be filled, otherwise the totals will be very imperfect. The South reverses its figures. Last year they reported $2,000 for our Boards, and $8,000 for other objects. This year upwards of $9,000 for the Boards, and $2,000 for outside benevolence. Manor Chapel has done nobly in contributing over $500 to our Boards, and $600 to other benevolent purposes. Grace Church displays a large liberality in giving $290 to

our Boards, and over $1,000 to other objects, but we would be pleased if the larger amount had been contributed in these stringent times to home purposes. We are, however, thankful that so much has been given by our churches to extend the cause of the Lord, and that in our statistical tables there are so few blanks.

We now turn from the figures to the remarks which accompany them in the reports of the churches for the past year.

New York Collegiate says: "The spiritual enlargement and activity of the Collegiate Church during the past year has been marked. A larger number of persons were added to the church on confession of faith than in any known year of its history. In spite of the financial depression, the benevolent offerings have increased one third. From all the churches and chapels comes a report of increased interest in the grand work and service of the church."

Harlem Collegiate reports "encouraging accessions to the membership by confession and by letter." "Sabbath-school work carried on earnestly and successfully" in both churches. Special mention is made of "a Bible class, called Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Club, under the able and enthusiastic presidency of Mr. F. A. Ferris, which is attracting hundreds of adults to its membership, and promises to be a means of much good." We are also told that "a grand addition has been made to the edifice of the Second Church, increasing its imposing appearance, and adding greatly to its capacity and convenience for religious work." In conclusion, the report says: "The condition and prospects of our church call for devout gratitude, and authorize cheering expectations."

The South Church says: "This report includes the work in our Rogers' Chapel for colored people, which has greatly grown of late. The work in the church has gone on evenly, with no incidents worthy of note."

Manor Chapel, connected with the South Church, speaks thus: "Our services have all been well attended during the year. There have been many manifestations of the Spirit's presence. Many of our people are seeking for a higher life and greater usefulness in the kingdom of our Lord."

Port Richmond, Staten Island, reports that it has prospered the last year. "The contributions for congregational purposes have been no less, and for benevolent objects more. The church services and the Sabbath-schools have been well attended."

Bloomingdale.—This venerable church speaks of a mortgage of $50,000, and says: "This extra burden accounts for our merely nominal contribution to the Church Boards." Mention is made of the fact that the church is composed of twelve different denominations. Let us hope that they will all get safely through one or the other of the twelve celestial gates. We believe they will, for the report closes with these words: "Ere long Bloomingdale will do its full duty."

Madison Avenue says: "The past year has been one of special favor to us. Every department of work has been more active. There has been a greater desire on the part of our members to be workers than in the past." Mention is made of the new mission chapel (Bethany Memorial) which was completed last year, which is open every night for religious service, connected with which is a Boys' Club, and a reading room. Adjoining this chapel is a building erected expressly for a Day Nursery. In still another building gathers a Working Girls' Club, and a Kindergarten school is conducted. This may be regarded as a model working church. We congratulate the pastor and people on their large prosperity.

Thirty-Fourth Street says: "We are happy to record, as our church is now by act of Classis merging into the Collegiate Church, that we are in a healthy condition, and we believe in our new relation we will accomplish

more for the Lord than in any former period of our church life." This church has conveyed its property to the old First Church (the Collegiate). They in turn have transferred the people of the Dewitt Chapel, on 29th Street, to 34th Street, and the two bands, united in one in pleasant harmony, hope, under the leadership of their associate ministers, to do an aggressive and successful work.

German Evangelical Mission mourns the loss of many of its best families and members by removals and death. But the report adds, "Preaching, teaching and visiting have been regularly maintained, benevolence urged, peace and harmony kept, and good feeling between pastor and people fostered."

Huguenot, Staten Island, reports: "We have an attractive church building, in good repair, and about three acres of land adjoining, upon which there is no debt. The neighborhood is increasing in buildings and inhabitants, and we expect a larger attendance." This church has for a number of years depended upon the Senior Class of our Theological Seminary in New Brunswick for its supplies. We believe the time has come when it should have a regular pastor.

Mott Haven says: "By God's blessing we are able to report a successful year. There have been new faces and new members. Spiritual interest becomes more manifest, and blessings attend the regular ministrations of the Word. At last we have a parsonage. Our finances are in better condition, and we take pleasure in reporting the adoption of General Synod's plan for systematic benevolence."

Union, High Bridge, reports: "In spite of some serious losses by death and the removal from the neighborhood of a number of valuable families, the church has had a fairly prosperous year. The benevolences have been well sustained, and a good degree of spiritual interest and activity prevails." This church has lately erected a

pasonage on an eligible sight, for which it expresses itself as largely indebted to one of its officers.

Fourth German has felt the pressure of the times, but has been helped beyond expectation. "The spiritual condition of the church is hopeful and encouraging for the future. The Christian Endeavor Society, especially, is doing a good work, not only among the young people of the church, but also in hospitals and on ships. The Sunday-school is suffering somewhat from the lack of good, efficient teachers, but otherwise is prosperous."

Prospect Hill has suffered from deaths and removals. "What is strictly our congregation has held closely and faithfully to the church during the year. The debt on the property has been reduced to $400, and would have been further reduced had it not been for additional expenses."

Holland Church seems to be reviving. The report says it is doing fairly well under the difficult circumstances. They have been supplied in part by students from our Seminary in New Brunswick. In their weakness and poverty they appeal for help, and we think they should receive it. It is questionable whether as a Reformed (Dutch) Church, even with the "Dutch" in brackets, we can afford to let the only Holland Church in our Classis languish and die.

Avenue B, German Evangelical sings a song of gratitude and joy. It begins by saying, "The Lord has been very gracious to us." After speaking of its prosperity in spiritual things, of the goodly attendance at its devotional meetings, and the zeal displayed in Sabbath School, and in the Society of Christian Endeavor, the report concludes with these words: "Our financial condition is excellent, and the Lord is with us."

Brighton Heights, Staten Island, gives us some statistics which show that it is alive, but modestly adds no remarks. This may be due to the fact that its faithful and

earnest pastor was a Judge for twenty years, and would prefer others to pronounce the verdict in his favor.

German, Norfolk Street, has a new pastor, who for the last five months has done good service. This church has made good progress during the year, and is trying not only to support itself, but to scatter its benevolence. It is evidently well organized.

Kreischerville St. Peter's, Staten Island, has suffered greatly. The people are many of them out of employment, and are owing their pastor a large sum of money. He has received help from the other churches, for which he is grateful. We know the Lord will not neglect this church, and we should not. The pastor, in closing his report, says, "Brethren, please give me good advice what I shall do in my terrible condition. I have done the best I could to save the church."

The German Evangelical Church of Yorkville says: "Another year of hard labor is behind us, a year of trials and self-sacrifice. New members were received. The Sunday-school is in a flourishing condition. We can only be thankful to the Lord for His mercy and manifold blessings."

Grace Church is a bee-hive of Christian activity. The report speaks of the Woman's Missionary Society, the Sewing Society, the Industrial School, the Coral Workers, the C. E. Society, and two Circles of King's Daughters and Sons. Affectionate reference is made to the death of Rev. Dr. A. R. Thompson, as "a severe loss," and adds: "For eight years he has attended our church, and officiated at least once a month. Owing to his removal the official relation between the Roosevelt Hospital and Grace Church, by which the patients in the former who on confession of their faith were baptized had their names entered on the church roll, terminates."

Hamilton Grange gives a most encouraging report. This young church is doing well in every particular, and

we feel proud of it. It speaks thus for itself: "Of the sixty-three members received during the year thirty-four have come upon confession. The work among the young people is in a vigorous condition. There has been advancement in our missionary interest, and contributions. All our prayer meetings—and we have many—are full and live and spiritual. We believe that we can say with truth that we enjoy the marked and abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in all our services and in all our work. Our chief and great drawback is our lack of a building that is suitable to our needs and surroundings."

And now we come to the last—our infant—and her name is very suggestive,

The Comforter.—May she prove thus to us indeed! We have to mourn the absence of the report of that little church which used to be so vigorous, and generous,

Union Church, late in 11th Street, before that on Sixth Avenue. Churches, like good people, never die. They only change in form and position. The noble members of Union Church still live, and are no doubt doing as good service as ever in some other ecclesiastical connection. The pastor has been called and installed over the Church of the Comforter, which was organized October 16th, 1894, six months ago.

The report of this young church is full of hope. It says: "The field is a promising one, there being but one church to minister to a large area of population. The congregations of Mott Haven and High Bridge have representatives in the neighborhood, some of whom have come into the enterprise, and all of whom are in sympathy with it." With such a start, and such a field, and such a pastor, and, above all, with the life of the Holy Spirit, this church should grow and thrive, and prove to us all "The Comforter"—the almoner as well as the recipient of Divine blessings.

In comparing our statistics with those of last year we find in most cases a shrinkage. There are 26 less reported in number of families, 245 less received on confession of

faith, 147 less received by certificate. The column giving total number of communicants gives 400 more than the same column last year, and there is an increase of 428 in number of catechumens. But there are 4 less Sabbath Schools, and 627 less scholars reported. The figures indicate nearly $10,000 more contributed to our Boards, which is very encouraging, but there is a falling away of over $13,000 in the aggregate sums contributed for congregational purposes.

Perhaps we make a fair showing in finances, considering the stringency of the times, but we must lament, and should deeply humble ourselves when we consider that we are at such a low ebb spiritually. The hard times should bring us to our knees in prayer, and then drive us to an increased activity and a more perfect consecration. Let our earnest cry be

> " Lord revive us,
> All our help must come from Thee."

MINISTERIAL AND CHURCH CHANGES.

The following changes have occurred during the past year:

On May 21, 1894, Rev. A. V. W. Beghter, a former priest in the Roman Catholic Church, was examined and received under the care of Classis, and appointed Missionary over the Holland Church.

At the same meeting, the student A. W. Hopper was examined and licensed to preach, and at his request dismissed to join the Classis of Rensselaer.

On June 30th the pastoral relation between the Rev. F. E. Erhardt and the Norfolk Street German Church was dissolved, and Mr. Erhardt was dismissed to join the South Classis of Long Island.

On October 16, 1894, Mr. H. L. Franzen was examined and licensed to preach, and on November 4th was ordained and installed pastor of the Norfolk Street Church.

On October 16, 1894, the Church of the Comforter in West Morrisania was organized.

On October 29th a resolution was adopted to disband the Holland Church.

On November 26th the pastoral relation between the Rev. H. V. S. Myers, D.D., and the Union Reformed Church was dissolved.

On March 17, 1895, Rev. Dr. H. V. S. Myers was installed pastor of the Church of the Comforter.

On April 1st a resolution was adopted that the relation between the Rev. Peter Stryker, D.D., and the Thirty-fourth Street Church should be dissolved, to take effect May 1st. Also that, according to their request, the Thirty-fourth Street Church have permission to transfer all the names of its members, who have not asked for letters to join other churches previous to May 1st, to the Collegiate Church, and that the books of that church be committed to the care of the Collegiate Church.

On April 1, 1895, Rev. P. S. Hulbert, D.D., was dismissed to the Congregational Association of Chicago.

On April 1, 1895, Rev. E. J. Runk was received from the Classis of Poughkeepsie.

On April 16, 1895, Rev. J. L. Clark was received from the Cumberland Presbytery of Mackinaw.

We have to record the decease of Rev. James Brownlee, D.D., who for nearly sixty years was pastor of the church at Port Richmond, S. I.

PETER STRYKER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully submit the following report:

Reports from nearly all the churches have been received in good season. These reports present a very encouraging condition of affairs both temporal and spiritual. Many of the churches have been blessed during the year by large outpourings of God's gracious Spirit, resulting in large accessions to the membership of the churches. The churches most signally blessed are Deer Park, Walden, New Hurley, New Prospect, Mamakating and Shawangunk. Throughout the whole Classis, however, a more thorough effort seems to have been made than formerly to awaken a deeper spiritual interest among the people, so that nearly all report gratifying success.

A few items require our special attention. An earnest effort is being made among the young people, through the agencies of Sunday-schools and C. E. Societies. These institutions form no small part in the increased activity and interest which pervades our bounds. God has indeed blessed His vineyard through these means, and what He has accomplished by them seems but a foretaste of what He will do. To this end pastors are lending every energy, so that their churches may be ready when His time shall come.

Another item of great interest is that although the past year has been one of unusual depression in business and financial affairs, still the work of the Lord has not been interfered with, but the rather shows marked increase. In some of the churches—nearly all, we might say—an increased liberality seems to have been manifested. Missions and other benevolent claims have received their due share of attention. As the material things of this world seemed *harder* to procure, so a deeper sense of obligation to use for God's kingdom a goodly share of what they did get, is very plainly to be observed in all the reports before us. Still, there is great room for improvement in this direction, and we hope and pray that the efforts exerted to educate the young people in this very important branch of Christian life and work, may result in larger liberality and more consecrated giving.

Another item, second to none is the general tone of peace and harmony existing throughout our whole Classis. Take the reports as a whole, and while there may be, and undoubtedly is, much more to be desired in our church operations, still there is great cause for gratitude and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His kindly dealings with us as a Classis.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The Rev. C. H. Whittaker was installed pastor of the church of Lower Walpack, June 13, 1894. The Rev. Wm. Guthrie Myles was received from the Baptist denomination June 13, 1894, and installed pastor of the church of Upper Walpack, July 25, 1894. The candidate Edward

V. V. Searle was received from the Classis of Kingston, ordained to the ministry, and installed pastor of the church of Berea, December 11, 1894. The Rev. Walter Winant was dismissed to the Classis of Greene, September 2, 1894, the pastoral relation between him and the church of Berea being dissolved that day. The Rev. Robert H. McCready was dismissed to the Presbytery of Hudson, November 13, 1894, the pastoral relation between him and the church of Montgomery being dissolved that day. The pastoral relation between the Rev. George W. Scarlet and the church of New Hurley was dissolved March 1, 1895.

GEORGE W. SCARLET, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

The Committee on the State of Religion have carefully examined the reports received from the different churches, and, as is customary, will let each church speak for itself, as briefly as possible.

First Church, Poughkeepsie.—Peace and harmony have prevailed. The additions on confession of faith, although not such as must be desired, have been enough to call for gratitude for the past, and to inspire with hope for the future.

Second Church, Poughkeepsie.—The past year has been one of growth in various directions. The church was quickened by special services held last April. The results are shown in part in the increase of its membership. The church, at considerable expense, has enlarged and improved its property.

Fishkill.—While the year has not been marked by any extraordinary religious interest, we are glad to be able to report a most satisfactory deepening and broadening of the spiritual life in the membership of the church, and especially among the young people.

Hopewell.—The work of the Lord has been moving

along steadily since one year ago. The membership has been increased. The contributions have been fairly large.

New Hackensack. — The regular services have been maintained, and the attendance has been large. Looking back over the year, we see much which leads us to thank God and take courage.

Rhinebeck.—Our losses by death are just equalled by the accessions to the church. Our benevolent contributions are much in advance of last year.

Fishkill-on-Hudson.—Every department of church work during the past year has been in active operation. Meanwhile the ingathering has not been equal to our anticipations and prayers. We trust, however, that in the near future we may reap a goodly harvest.

Hyde Park.—The additions to the church on confession and the increase again in benevolence give us great reason for thankfulness to God, and a continuance in prayer and labor.

Glenham. — No report has been received from this church. Your Committee, however, are able to state that a pastor will be settled in the near future.

Cold Spring.—Our church has been without a pastor during the most part of the year. We are in hope that after another year we shall prosper again.

Millbrook.—We report an increase in our contributions, both for benevolence and congregational purposes. We are humbled by the fact that no more have been won for Christ than our statistics show.

While the reports of the churches do not show any special spiritual interest, yet all indicate cause for thankfulness and encouragement, and express the hope for a brighter future.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The pastoral relation between Rev. E. J. Runk and

the church of Cold Spring was dissolved January 1, 1895, and Mr. Runk has since been dismissed to the Classis of New York. The licentiate Mr. Wm. V. D. Strong has been received under the care of this Classis from the Classis of New Brunswick, examined for ordination, and in due time will be ordained, and installed pastor of the church of Glenham, from which church he has received and accepted a call.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

Your Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to submit the following report:

We have received reports from all the churches with the exception of the Church of Melrose.

The reports have been carefully perused and examined, with the following result:

Divine worship has been maintained without interruption in all the churches. Though not able to report any general or particular spiritual awakening within the bounds of this Classis, during the past year, yet we do rejoice to call attention to this noteworthy and significant fact: that accessions to some of our so-called weaker churches, both by confession and by certificate, viz., Courtlandtown, West Farms, Unionville and Greenburgh, have been larger this year than the last preceding year. This should, indeed, fill us with true gratitude to God and devout hopefulness for the yet bright future of these churches.

The benevolent contributions of the various churches, however, have considerably fallen short of those from last year, owing, undoubtedly, to the stringency of the times, and the paucity of money generally. It is therefore all the more encouraging to read of church buildings being erected (Yonkers and Tarrytown German), chapels being renovated, and parsonages improved (Unionville), and church grounds being beautified (West Farms and Peekskill). We quote from remarks as follows:

Belmont reports: "While we cannot say that our church has made any progress during the last year, owing to various depressing and discouraging circumstances, yet we are thankful to the Almighty, that we have about held our own ground. Our minister, the Rev. A. D. D. Fraser, has left us for another field, but we are happy to say that there will be no actual vacancy of our pulpit, as we have agreed to call the Rev. Joseph Gaston. We trust that under the guidance of the Almighty our church will ultimately become what its founder intended it to be, a great power for good."

Bronxville.—No remarks.

Courtlandtown.—The past year with our church has been marked with the manifest blessing of God. We have enjoyed the Spirit's presence in all parts of our work. We are happy to report substantial gains to our membership, both by confession and certificate. The Sabbath School is growing in efficiency and usefulness. The Endeavor Societies in both congregations are flourishing, and doing a good work. Prayer meetings and church services are encouraging.

Fordham.—No remarks.

Greenburgh.—This church expresses its gratitude to God for a year of marked spiritual and temporal blessings. During the year the church has held its own nobly, and is to-day in a hopeful condition. All the services have been encouragingly attended, and the additions have been cheering. The ladies have shown more than usual interest in general church work. A Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized, numbering about twenty-eight members. The Society's prayer meetings are very helpful and inspiring. During the Lenten season a special midweek service has been held by the pastor, which, too, has been fairly well attended. Our Sunday-school is growing. It has contributed to both the Foreign and Domestic Boards of the church. We record also God's mercy in helping us meet the financial demands

upon the church, both in the current expenses and the regular contributions to the various Church Boards.

As to the field we occupy, it may be still called a *missionary* field. Sparsely settled at present, but with recent greatly increased railroad facilities to and from New York, we have reason to expect an increase in our population. So for the present we still need aid from our Domestic Board for continuing and maintaining our work.

Perhaps it will also be of interest to the members of this Classis to include in this report the work our pastor is doing among the German people of Tarrytown-on-the-Hudson, about four miles from Elmsford. This mission station of the Geeenburgh Church was opened four years ago, April 12th, 1891, and a most successful and promising work has been carried on here. The pulpit has been regularly supplied every Sunday by our pastor. About sixty members have been received into this mission upon confession of their faith. And about $3,000 has been collected by the pastor and people for a new chapel, now under construction and ready for occupancy before May 1, 1895.

Greenville.—We have nothing special to report for the past year. Our regular Sabbath services are attended as well as usual, and there seems to be a growing interest in church matters on the part of the young people. And we hope that there may come soon an outpouring of God's Spirit upon us. We work and watch and pray to this end.

Hastings.—The church has enjoyed a year of more than average prosperity. The outlook for the future is bright, as evidenced by increased attendance, contributions and spiritual interest.

Mt. Vernon.—The church has maintained an even tenor during the year, with some signs of advance. Faithfulness and loyalty to Christ and the church are characteristic of its members.

Park Hill.—We have been without a pastor from the 18th of April, 1894, until the 4th of April, 1895, when our new pastor was installed.

Peekskill.—The Van Nest Reformed Church of Peekskill is able to report progress. The year now closing has been signalled by steady work, great unity and unbroken harmony. The chapel has been renovated. We have felt the stringency of the times, but we have survived. Spiritually we have been blessed. The Society of Christian Endeavor is in a very good condition, and has been a great help to the church, more so than ever before. The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip has made its presence felt, and has added to our number of young men. The Sunday-school is in good working order. The prospects have never been brighter, and with renewed courage, and faith in God, believing to have a great future before us, we press forward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

First Tarrytown.—We gratefully report another year of prosperity. The church services have been well attended. The harmony has been unbroken, and the interest in the affairs of the church general. Spite of the prevailing hard times, we have laid upon ourselves increasing burdens, which have been cheerfully borne. These have not crippled our missionary and benevolent work, which has been pursued as actively as in other years. An especially hopeful feature in our church life is the interest our young people take in the work of the church. The two Christian Endeavor Societies are active and energetic, and our chapel is too small for our Sunday-school. With renewed hope and vigor, we address ourselves to the work of the year about to open.

Second Tarrytown.—The regular preaching services of the Sabbath have been maintained, together with the mid-week prayer meeting. All running expenses of the year have been met, with the exception of a small floating debt. It is gratifying to note the unanimity of feeling and the

increased spiritual interest displayed by the church. The congregations have greatly increased in size. The prayer meetings have been splendidly supported. Concerning the future, it surely appears bright. We are looking for God's further blessing. We have great reason to express thankfulness to Him for the encouraging signs with which He has visited us during the past year. The path will be a difficult one, but in His Light we expect to see light.

Unionville.—We are happy to report auspiciously, considering that circumstances and conditions have tended to dishearten, rather than to encourage. We have enjoyed the stated preaching of the word, which has been well sustained. The prayer meeting has not abated in interest and spirituality. We report growth in our Sabbath-school, and look forward with hope to this source of church growth and maintenance.

West Farms.—While circumscribed and obliged to contend with unfavorable conditions, we still occupy our field, and are doing our work in hopes. Regular services and meetings have been sustained, and all the Societies are in a flourishing condition. The benevolent contributions for the year have been affected by the stringency of the times. The Sunday-school is doing good work, and the good hand of God has been upon us in rich blessings, and there has been added to our church four by confession and one by letter—all adults. Gratifying improvements have been made. So we take courage.

Yonkers.—We had long been talking of building a new church. This year the work has been taken up. It is now far advanced. Probably it will be completed by August. We have been at some inconvenience during the year in our routine work, and we especially regret that our benevolent contributions have seriously suffered. Public services have been well attended, however, and we have had much to rejoice our hearts in Sabbath and week-day meetings. We shall, of course, be glad when our building work is over, and we can resume activities which we have been compelled for a time to hold in abeyance.

We are doing a special work, and we are trustingly leaning upon our Lord, and leaving its results with Him.

The following ministerial changes have taken place:

The Rev. Wm. A. Beardsly was dismissed October 4, 1894, from the Park Hill Church to the Presbytery of Champlain. The Rev. F. S. Scudder was received from the Classis of Illinois, June 7, 1894, and installed pastor of the Mount Vernon Reformed Church, June 27, 1894. The pastoral relation between Rev. A. D. D. Fraser and Belmont Church was dissolved March 5, 1895. The licentiate Mr. A. F. Mabon was received from the Classis of New Brunswick, N. J., February 4, 1895, and ordained and installed pastor of the Second Reformed Church of Tarrytown, March 5, 1895. The Rev. W. P. Bruce was received from the South Classis of Bergen on March 5, 1895, and installed pastor of the Park Hill Reformed Church, April 4, 1895.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. F. GOEBEL, *Chairman.*

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent, Denominational Objects. R.	A.	P.	Other Objects.	Congregational. R.	A.	P.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Arcot	Lewis R. Scudder, M.D.	61	14	15	22	...	2	108	56	27	205	7	6	367	19	9	0	.....	119	0	0	Ranipett, Madras Pres'cy, In.
Yehamur	Abraham Muni	373	22	25	16	6	2	243	...	...	....	793	23	519	53	0	0	.....	142	13	6	" " "
Arni	E. C. Scudder, Jr.	23	10	4	7	...	...	96	3	...	6	2	5	235	148	15	1	.....	.....			Arni, " "
Alliendal	Moses Nathaniel	32	1	8	6	...	...	44	7	...	19	24	5	157	.....			.....	128	12	11	Chetpett, " "
Marutuvambadi	" "	18	...	4	2	2	...	15	..	....	2	44	3	74	.....			.....	.....			
Vellambi	E. C. Scudder, Jr.	11	...	..	...	1	1	20	4	...	1	...	1	34	.....			.....	.....			Arni, " "
Chittoor	W. J. Chamberlain	65	1	5	14	...	3	63	4	1	53	48	6	315	55	5	0	.....	67	15	8	Vellore, " "
Kottapalli	" "	91	...	6	9	...	3	71	5	...	19	164	8	168	39	6	0	.....	14	1	10	" " "
Madanapalli	L. B. Chamberlain / P. Souri / J. Souri	169	11	1	23	...	2	132	17	7	127	208	10	843	46	5	2	.....	430	0	8	Madnapalle, " "
Palmaner		22	...	14	9	...	...	43	4	1	6	10	2	178	86	3	6	.....	53	4	9	Palamanair, " "
Vellore	A. Masilamani	64	13	18	17	...	1	123	7	2	23	12	4	169	84	4	6	.....	175	12	4	Vellore, " "
Kandiputtur	Isaac Lazar	119	7	...	7	...	1	126	6	1	4	159	6	146	11	11	0	.....	59	14	7	Katpadi, " "
Sekadu	" "	92	1	...	...	...	1	112	5	1	5	92	3	96	3	8	0	.....	25	2	7	" " "
Katpadi	E. Thavamani	150	1	7	9	...	5	143	4	...	63	190	9	224	19	9	0	.....	118	8	6	" " "
Coonoor	E. C. Scudder, Jr.	66	6	...	2	3	1	97	10	...	16	4	4	193	212	14	9	.....	119	1	3	Arni, " "
Tindivanam	J. H. Wyckoff (s. c.)	15	...	2	8	...	2	29	2	...	2	6	4	189	34	12	7	.....	176	11	3	Tindivanam, " "
Sattambadi	" "	66	...	4	8	3	3	79	32	4	35	89	4	78	23	6	8	.....	45	6	7	" " "
Gnanodiam	Moses Nathaniel	44	...	3	...	2	...	65	6	...	16	25	2	48	11	4	0	.....	15	3	2	" " "
Orattur	Paul Bailey	60	9	7	4	7	3	95	8	6	6	76	3	72	16	1	11	.....	18	..	..	Villapuram, " "
Vellaripettu	" "	49	8	.	6	6	1	59	9	7	12	63	5	87	21	3	3	.....	33	0	11	" " "
Narasinganur	" "	85	4	2	4	...	1	89	9	1	19	28	3	40	9	15	0	.....	29	4	8	" " "
Varikkal	John Peter	37	2	1	1	2	...	63	5	2	9	35	3	58	15	2	2	.....	27	8	1	Gingee, " "
Kolapakam	" "	63	2	...	4	...	3	81	13	2	6	115	4	111	10	15	6	.....	27	14	7	" " "
	Total	1775	112	126	178	32	35	1996	216	62	654	2194	123	4401	923	8	1	.....	1827	15	10	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Jared W. Scudder, Professor of Theology, Palmaner; Rev. John Scudder and Rev. J. Chamberlain in America; Rev. J. A. Beattie, Chittoor, India.

Licentiates.—J. Yesurathinam, S. Santhosham, J. Selvam, S. Chellam, Elias Nathaniel, N. Jotinayakam, Meshach Peter, John Wilkins, J. M. Soondram.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

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First, Claverack	George H. Burrill	109	1	2	8	0	3	246	4	0	....	....	*5	299	$507 50	$146 83	$1,760	Claverack, Col. Co., N. Y.
Gallatin	Benjamin A. Bartholf	68	1	0	2	0	5	98	1	0	....	....	1	60	80 52	19 75	730	Mt. Ross, Dutchess Co., "
Germantown	Mortimer Smith	108	5	3	0	0	1	201	11	3	..	140	1	157	57	7	1,350	Germantown, Col. Co., "
Greenport	Vacant	71	0	0	7	0	2	190	0	0	....	....	2	144	60 15	199 80	946 19	Greendale, " "
Hudson	Ferdinand S. Schenck	270	11	1	10	0	4	441	6	2	...	200	1	252	1,202	1,167	4,716	Hudson, " "
Linlithgo	Jonah W. Vaughan	77	7	4	0	0	2	187	1	1	49	0	1	100	247	69	1,422	Livingston, " "
Livingston at Linlithgo	Vacant	66	22	0	0	0	0	71	0	7	....	....	2	138	26 23	....	741 93	Linlithgo " "
Mellenville	David M. Hunter	95	21	6	4	0	4	191	5	12	....	..	1	128	349 26	60 85	1,500	Mellenville, " "
Philmont	F. V. Van Vranken	116	19	6	3	0	1	194	13	9	....	150	1	201	659 32	120	1,714	Philmont, " "
Upper Red Hook	George D. Lydecker	60	12	6	5	0	2	146	8	3	....	40	1	70	328 17	77 30	1,200	Up. Red H'k, Dutch. Co., "
West Copake	Philip Furbeck	78	6	0	0	0	3	132	9	1	....	....	1	192	102 49	12 36	1,164 59	West Copake, Col. Co., "
	Total	1118	105	28	34	0	27	2007	58	38	49	530	17	1741	$3,619 64	$1,879 89	$17,244 71	

Other Ministers.—The Rev. Edward G. Ackerman, P. O., Spring Valley, N. Y.; The Rev. Wm. W. Whitney, P. O. Wilton, New York.

* Four of these are Union Schools.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

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Bloomingdale	Joseph Millett	120	12	3	0	0	3	215	28	5	...	120	1	307	$35	$15	$825	Whiteport, N. Y.
The Clove	Herman Hageman(s.c.)	160	23	3	9	1	6	324	14	2	299	100	3	375	447	20	1,838	High Falls, "
Dashville Falls	Supplied,*	20	0	2	0	0	2	50	1	0	....	..	1	55	3	.....	332	Rifton Glen, "
Gardiner	Edward Niles	101	34	20	0	1	1	88	12	19	20	125	1	125	21	9	1,543	Gardiner, "
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher	70	0	0	7	0	1	79	0	0	107	47	2	112	20	35	900	Libertyville, "
Hurley	Samuel T. Searle	70	9	6	6	0	3	180	0	1	30	....	1	114	375	8	1,060	Hurley, "
Kingston, Fair St	Chandler A. Oakes	189	29	27	0	0	9	483	14	0	....	....	1	303	486	120	6,756	Kingston, "
Krumville	Supplied,†	35	17	0	0	0	1	50	2	5	60	18	1	85	7	.....	175	Krumville, "
Lyonsville	Supplied,†	50	43	0	0	0	2	96	5	13	...	...	1	85	10	.....	347	Kripplebush, "
Marbletown	George Davis	93	1	0	0	0	3	177	4	0	....	....	2	85	185	4	1,031	Stone Ridge, "
Marbletown, North	George Davis, (s. s.)	54	7	2	2	0	4	75	6	2	....	....	2	65	34	3	267	" "
New Paltz	John G. Fagg	260	9	17	8	0	4	519	18	2	....	50	7	560	559	202	2,404	New Paltz, "
Rochester	John L. McNair	140	17	1	1	0	6	198	5	5	....	..	5	444	133	44	1,184	Accord, "
Rosendale	William Coombe	166	53	9	5	1	5	‡286	14	24	....	....	2	352	12	.....	2,320	Rosendale, "
St. Remy	Joseph Millett	58	7	1	3	0	2	117	4	4	....	18	1	115	19	5	500	Whiteport, "
	Total	1596	261	91	41	3	52	2937	126	82	516	478	31	3182	$2,346	465	$21,422	

Other Ministers.—Rev. James R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, N. Y.; Rev. James Cantine, Missionary, Busrah, Persian Gulf, Asia; Rev. Paul T. Deyo, Krumville, N. Y.

Licentiate. Eugene H. Keaton, Rosendale, N. Y.

* By Rev. H. P. Lyman-Wheaton, † By E. H. Keaton, Licentiate, ‡ Revised Roll.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

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Jamaica	Edgar Tilton, Jr.	185	10	8	15	0	3	350	9	0	..	125	2	315	$924	$276	$3,800	Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.
Newtown	Charles K. Clearwater.	105	2	5	0	0	3*	190	3	0	....	...	2	330	332	73	2,725	Newtown, " "
Oyster Bay	John H. Smock	84	2	6	0	0	1	146	2	1	....	....	1	86	189	6	1,176	Glenhead, " "
North Hempstead	Alfred Duncombe	62	3	4	5	0	3	135	4	0	....	25	†2	150	153	.....	1,270	Manhasset, " "
Williamsburg	Vacant	60	0	0	5	0	1	215	0	0	....	....	1	350	280	.....	6,400	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Astoria	Daniel Van Pelt	130	4	5	9	0	1	179	6	1	....	35	1	200	305	98	2,895	80 Remsen St., Astoria, L. I.
Flushing	James Demarest	115	17	10	2	0	7	263	5	10	....	....	2	256	541	230	5,128	234 Amity St., Flushing, L. I.
Kent Street, Brooklyn	Lewis Francis	195	15	12	10	0	5	424	17	7	....	..	2	1004	1644	144	5,480	143 Noble St., B'klyn, N. Y.
South Bushwick	George D. Hulst	200	19	7	14	0	7	452	25	0	....	....	1	1050	181	337	4,348	15 Himrod St., " "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	100	12	1	0	0	3	278	60	0	....	20	1	250	112	20	1,345	520 2d Ave., Astoria, L. I.
East Williamsburg	§Vacant	19	3	2	2	0	...	36	4	1	....	....	1	190	23		784	
Queens	James S. N. Demarest.	78	4	5	8	0	2	134	5	1	....	126	1	190	362	211	2,480	Queens, L. I.
German Ev., Brooklyn	John C. Guenther	315	12	0	0	0	25	363	175	2	....	95	2	750	200	300	3,200	56 Union Ave., B'klyn, N. Y.
Sayville	John Hoffman	60	4	8	0	0	2	104	11	0	...	30	1	130	45	26	1,024	West Sayville, L. I., "
Locust Valley	John H. Smock	30	2	0	1	0	1	52	5	2	....	....	1	90	51	39	754	Glen Head, " "
College Point	John Baumeister	110	4	9	3	0	2	*141	35	0	....	94	1	162	304	186	1,988	College Point, " "
1st Ref., L. I. City	Alexander Shaw	61	1	2	4	0	0	95	12	0	....	145	1	160	58	90	1,039	102 Academy St., L. I. City. "
Bushwick	§Vacant	140	21	3	19	0	8	208	22	9	....	9	1	508	59	15	2,486	
German Ev., Jamaica	Franz Hartig	156	8	1	0	0	11	150	48	0	...	6	1	100	35	36	1,049	Jamaica, L. I., "
Hicksville	Ernest Gutweiler	85	3	0	0	0	3	90	15	1	.	135	1	135	0	0	1,000	Hicksville, L. I., "
German, 2d, Newtown	Fred'k W. Hock	47	12	2	0	0	6	92	10	0	14	9	1	65	17	80	1,162	Newtown, L. I., "
Steinway	Uriah D. Gulick (s. s.).	34	4	1	1	0	0	65	5	0	25	...	1	400	235	.....	3,973	Steinway, L. I. City, "
Church of Jesus, B'klyn	August Guenther	60	17	1	0	0	2	90	41	0	30	24	1	265	15	.....	1,200	11 Stanhope St., B'klyn, "
New Hyde Park	Louis Hieber	23	8	4	5	0	0	40	4	1	....	....	1	250	.....	.....	700	New Hyde Park, L. I., "
	Total	2454	187	96	103	0	96	4292	523	96	69	878	30	7386	$6065	$2167	$57,336	

*Revised. †One a Union School. §Last year's report.

Other Ministers.—E. R. Atwater, 131 Clymer Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D. [s. c.), 159 West 92d Street, New York City; Alexander S. Van Dyck, Amoy, China; Robert H. Barr, Ph.D., Newburgh, N. Y.; M. V. Schoonmaker, Westchester, Penn.; W. R. Gordon, D.D., Manhasset, L. I.; Augustus W. Mills, 99 Rodney Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Candidates.—Hermon H. Shook, 114 Nassau Street, New York City.

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First Reformed	James M. Farrar	303	41	57	16	0	2	638	5	12	....	....	2	1060	$2,062 70	$7,225 25	.....	802 President St., B'klyn, N.Y.
Flatbush	Cornelius L. Wells	138	2	10	1	0	7	†423	10	0	225	130	1	320	2,196	1,077	.....	Flatbush Station, " "
Grace Chapel	William H. Boocock	100	10	2	1	0	1	....	5	0	....	....	1	150	137	.....	$1,103 35	" " "
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	100	4	4	3	0	5	305	6	2	....	75	2	500	1,528 29	220	3,479	Van Pelt Manor, " "
Gravesend	Peter V. Van Buskirk	120	5	10	7	0	4	246	22	3	....	130	3	320	620	308	7,818	Gravesend, " "
Flatlands	John S. Gardner (s. c.)	79	1	2	0	0	2	179	8	0	70	110	2	266	505 61	366 10	2,654 51	Flatlands, L. I., "
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	80	5	3	4	0	2	209	9	0	....	50	1	496	720 19	300	2,500	New Lots Ave., " "
East New York	James M. Dickson	140	9	8	2	0	3	225	11	0	....	0	1	380	302	5,155	4,474	53 Vermont St., " "
South Brooklyn	John Talmadge Bergen	160	20	13	3	0	6	299	16	5	103	190	1	400	342 24	94 75	2,449 01	165 52d St., " "
Twelfth Street	John E. Lloyd	320	45	17	10	0	5	702	3	12	400	400	1	1150	174 85	219 36	6,835 65	468 9th St., " "
North Reformed	T. Calvin McClelland	170	10	8	19	1	1	205	10	0	...	0	1	225	152 20	46 18	4,346 14	182 Clermont Ave., " "
Church-on-the-Heights	J. Douglas Adam	185	2	11	4	0	2	265	0	0	....	0	1	*100	3,162	2,384	7,138 32	45 Monroe Place, " "
Bethany Chapel	Cornelius E. Wyckoff	95	7	5	9	0	2	159	9	0	..	250	1	475	195	423	1,435	365 State St., " "
New Brooklyn	F. C. Erhard	135	4	2	0	0	5	300	94	1	300	14	1	250	69 35	15	2,400	1062 Herkimer St., " "
Second Flatbush	John H. Jensen	35	2	2	0	0	1	70	8	0	....	2	1	80	15	.....	810 40	Flatbush Station, " "
Canarsie	John Ficken	23	5	0	0	0	1	86	33	0	33	6	1	69	30	40	1251	Canarsie, L. I., N. Y.
Bedford	*Vacant	*97	2	4	4	0	1	221	0	1	0	0	1	62	60	50	1684	
St. Thomas, W. I.	.....	32	0	0	0	0	6	100	3	0	....	50	1	60	.....	.....	.....	St. Thomas, W. I.
Ocean Hill	A. Messler Quick	65	4	4	6	0	1	176	8	2	....	119	1	204	23	60	1128	56 Seventh Ave., Bklyn. N. Y.
Edgewood	Wm. T. E. Adams	40	2	4	3	0	1	67	5	0	20	0	1	225	55	25	1400	Blythebourne, " "
Ridgewood	J. C. Hume, Miss	50	0	0	0	0	0	20	3	0	....	0	1	175	5	.....	330	Ridgewood, " "
Greenwood Heights	A. P. Stockwell	60	15	5	0	0	1	53	13	0	....	0	1	79	45 50	9 50	300	145 Berkeley Place, " "
	Total	2527	195	171	92	1	59	4948	281	38	1151	1526	27	6994	$12,240 93	$17,968 14	$54,036 38	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Daniel Rapalje, Amoy, China; Rev. John Mason Ferris, editor of *Christian Intelligencer*, 4 and 6 Warren St., N. Y.; Rev. David S. Sutphen, Bloomfield, N. J.; Rev. David N. Vanderveer, Greenport, L. I.; Rev. Walter T. Griffen, Limoges, France; Rev. U. D. Gulick, Steinway, L. I.; Rev. Edwin F. See, General Sec. of Y. M. C. A., 502 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. J. L. Zabriskie, Waverley Avenue, Flatbush Station, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. W. D. Perry, 168 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. E. C. Oggel, Pullman, Ill.; Rev. Jacob Webber, Supt. Ofille Orphanage, Forest Ave., East Williamsburg, L. I.; Rev. A. De Witt Mason, 25 East 22d St., N. Y., editor of *Mission Field*; Rev. Wesley R. Davis, 6 East 34th St., N. Y.; Rev. H. C. Berg, Metuchin, New Jersey; Rev. H. T. Jones, Bergen Point, Bayonne, N. J. *Report of last year inserted. †Including 130 members of Grace Chapel.

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	T. W. Chambers.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 W. 36th St., N. Y. City.
77th St. & West End Av	Henry E. Cobb.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	270 West End Ave., "
48th St. and 5th Av.....	Edward B. Coe.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 W. 52d St., "
	Walter Laidlaw, Asst.	....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	398 5th Ave., "
29th St. and 5th Av.....	David J. Burrell.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 W. 29th St., "
	Alfred E. Myers, Asst.	....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	" " "
	John Lewis Clark....	1112	148	126	49	0	28	2552	72	14	....	....	8	3186	$17,140 72	$2704 563	.....	" " "
7th St. and 2d Av.....	John Hutchins	....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	214 E. 18th St., "
North Church Chapel..	... .	....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	111 Fulton St., "
Dewitt Chapel.....	Kenneth F. Junor....	....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	160 W. 29th St., "
Knox Memorial Chapel.	Wm. Vaughan.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	514 Ninth Ave., "
Vermilye Chapel	....	....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	414 W. 54th St., "
Harlem Collegiate....	J. Elmendorf.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 Mt. Morris Ave., "
	Wm. J Harsha.....	....	77	68	71	0	16	1448	31	19	....	500	2	1750	4,532 41	5,122 23	.....	269 Lenox Ave., "
South...	Roderick Terry.....	230	13	5	2	0	3	248	5	1	164	76	2	240	9,527	2,473 00	12,000 00	169 Madison Ave., "
Manor Chapel, South...	James Palmer.....	200	13	7	4	0	2	229	12	0	160	84	2	500	525 18	600 00	.....	216 W. 25th St., "
Staten Island.....	A. H. Demarest.....	160	14	10	16	0	8	354	16	1	....	175	2	500	689 25	248 16	4,514 97	Port Richmond, S. I.
Bloomingdale	Madison C. Peters.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	Boule'd and 68th St., "
Madison Av.....	Abbott E. Kittredge...	300	62	47	39	0	6	1134	16	7	....	1162	2	1282	3,079 04	13,777 23	25,539 51	711 Park Ave., "
Thirty-fourth St.....	Peter Stryker.....	150	16	8	8	0	8	201	11	1	82	280	1	358	449 00	438 00	6,129 00	326 W. 33d St., "
Union	Vacant																	

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.												Benevolent.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
German Ev. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	75	17	0	12	0	8	337	46	3	....	15	1	400	400 00	1,046 36	1,142 19	78 Second St., N. Y. City.
Huguenot, S. I.	Supplied	..	0	0	1	0	0	34	3	0	....	....	1	60	35 55	.....	430 28	Seaside, S. I.
Mott Haven	G. Edwin Talmage	72	15	17	9	0	4	158	21	2	75	318	2	368	150 86	245 43	.....	590 E. 146th St., N. Y. City.
Union, High Bridge	Henry M Cox	127	11	7	4	0	4	160	11	4	72	150	1	288	889 04	442 96	10,383 00	Sheridan Ave. & 165th St. "
Fourth, German	John H. Oerter	129	28	1	3	0	2	380	28	0	236	112	1	316	297 03	92 11	1,960 09	248 W. 40th St., N. Y. City.
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7 E. 92d St. "
	Garrett J. Folmsby	33	0	0	3	0	5	82	4	0	0	82	1	152	120 00	111 58	733 45	58 E. 86th St., "
Holland	Vacant	23	1	2	7	0	1	46	8	0	40	..	..	..	....	.....	240 17	279 W. 11th St., "
Ave. B. German Ev	Jacob Schlegel	141	25	0	2	0	6	588	35	0	0	40	1	525	190 00	350 00	2,180 00	602 5th St., "
Brighton Heights, S. I.	Thomas O. Lowe	120	11	4	7	0	6	225	4	0	....	....	1	325	441 00	52 00	4,092 00	New Brighton, N. Y.
German, Norfolk St	Hubert L. Franzen	80	22	2	3	0	6	150	52	0	0	11	1	90	50 00	60 51	1,123 37	147 Norfolk St., N. Y. City.
Kreischerville, St. Peters	Jacob Gans	90	4	0	20	0	4	89	10	1	11	11	1	125	.....	.....	300 00	Kreischerville, S. I.
German Ev. Yorkville	Louis Goebel	50	12	0	2	0	1	120	15	0	0	17	1	150	3 75	8 40	600 00	343 E. 84th St., N. Y. City.
Grace	Joseph R. Duryee	220	18	2	3	1	4	238	17	1	0	0	1	386	290 00	1,034 00	2,481 00	139 E. 36th St., "
Hamilton Grange	Charles B. Chapin	183	34	29	15	0	1	294	15	6	0	0	1	380	221 00	125 91	2,938 76	419 W. 145th St., "
Church of the Comforter	Henry V. S. Myers	24	4	25	0	0	0	29	5	3	0	0	1	82	9 50	.....	419 94	907 Morris Ave., "
	Total	3519	545	360	28	1	123	9176	437	63	840	3033	34	11458	39,041 33	53,273 51	77,207 73	

Foreign Missionaries.—Leonard W. Kip, Amoy, China.; C. H. H. Wolff, E. Rothesay Miller, Yokohama, Japan.

Other Ministers.—W. W. Clark, 532 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Hasbrouck Du Bois, High Bridge, New York City.; Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; G. H. Mandeville, 16 East 126th Street, New York City.; A. J. Park, Huntington, Conn.; E. A. Reed, Holyoke, Mass.; A. G. Vermilye, Englewood, N. J.; Wm. Westerfield, 63 Convent Ave., New York City. *Licentiate.*—M. G. Schwartz, 65 Avenue A, New York City.; E. J. Runk, New York City.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. No. of S. Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent purposes of the Church.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Berea	Edward V. V. Searle	48	...	2	9	...	1	*106	...	...	37	....	1	70	30 40	16 86	889 49	Walden, N. Y.
Bloomingburgh	John L. Sillwell	66	5	...	2	...	1	122	...	3	...	....	1	86	110 00	49 00	928 00	Bloomingburgh, "
Callicoon	Henry Unglaub	*62	5	...	...	...	2	151	12	...	..	15	1	150	20 00	.... ..	655 00	Callicoon, "
Claraville	Vacant	*48	...	...	...	...	...	40	...	...	...	....	.	40	.....	.....	.....	Claraville, "
Cuddebackville	‡Charles E. Corwin	65	12	1	...	...	1	75	...	8	...	....	1	100	32 00	15 00	350 00	Cuddebackville, "
Deerpark	Ame Vennema	244	24	9	7	...	11	451	8	13	203	100	3	577	‡‡2,847 72	364 85	5,819 51	Port Jervis, "
Ellenville	H. A. Hendrickson	170	9	1	5	...	7	285	12	1	....	150	2	300	360 20	104 08	2,289 12	Ellenville, "
Fallsburgh	B. T. Statesir	85	7	1	1	2	...	*105	...	4	....	....	3	192	244 79	.....	668 99	Woodbourne, "
Grahamsville	Vacant	42	...	...	1	...	...	94	...	...	....	....	1	68	38 69	15 00	145 25	Grahamsville, "
Kerhonkson	C. Van Oostenbrugge	40	4	...	...	2	1	41	2	...	....	....	1	90	15 00	5 00	400 00	Napanoch, "
Mamakating	D. T. Harris	54	15	4	1	...	...	97	15	8	16	....	1	86	8 00	.....	815 08	Wurtsboro, "
Minnisink	Gilbert Lane	60	4	1	1	...	1	70	...	3	...	...	3	118	4 16	.....	.....	Montague, N. J.
Montgomery	Vacant	160	3	4	4	...	9	412	5	1	...	60	3	150	657 56	83 89	1,776 38	Montgomery, N. Y.
Newburgh	Robert H. Beattie	192	11	15	5	...	9	289	7	2	....	140	1	175	332 46	171 39	3,580 15	Newburgh, "
New Hurley	‡John A. Thurston	*103	19	2	10	...	6	*168	5	3	....	100	2	150	117 29	.....	995 27	New Hurley, "
New Prospect	E. O. Moffett	111	17	4	7	...	2	197	7	10	....	197	1	197	339 22	89 01	1,582 77	Pine Bush, "
Shawangunk	Joseph Dixon	95	13	4	6	1	5	195	7	4	....	70	5	220	110 44	48 24	1,369 91	Bruynswick, "
Unionville	Vacant	*15	..	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	....	....	1	40	.....	.....	53 00	Grahamsville, "
Walden	W. H. S. Demarest, s.c.	165	21	20	9	2	8	353	11	6	....	270	1	270	578 03	101 72	2,544 34	Walden, "
Wallkill Valley	M. T. Conklin	100	6	13	12	..	1	180	8	1	....	....	1	207	236 34	217 39	3,602 79	Wallkill, "
Walpack Upper	Wm. Guthrie Myles	80	10	1	1	1	...	100	3	5	....	....	2	....	.....	.....	.....	Dingman's Ferry, Pa.
Walpack Lower	Charles H. Whittaker	70	12	...	2	...	5	135	1	2	..	100	2	100	93 06	13 71	856 00	Bushkill, "
Warwarsing	C. Van Oostenbrugge	45	2	2	...	...	2	44	2	1	....	....	1	80	40 00	10 00	600 00	Napanoch, N. Y.
	Total	2020	198	82	83	8	72	3725	105	75	253	1202	38	3460	$6,085 36	$1,305 14	$29,921 00	

*Revised List. †Last Year's Report. ‡Pastor Elect. ‡‡This includes a special gift of $1,000 for foreign missions and $1,000 for domestic missions.

Other Ministers.—James R. Bernart, Chester, N. Y.; John T. Demarest, D.D., New Brunswick, N. J.; S. W. Miller, D.D., Port Jervis, N. Y.; G. S. Garretson, Dingman's Ferry, Pa.; George W. Scarlet, New Hurley, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.												Benevolent.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First, Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson, s. c.	200	12	10	5	...	12	541	15	4	..	....	1	334	1,771 55	1,374 76	3,343 87	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second, Poughkeepsie	Wm. Bancroft Hill	140	18	24	10	...	5	372	3	8	....	...	1	172	1,706 00	1,269 00	4,123 00	Poughkeepsie, "
Fishkill	Benj. E. Dickhaut	100	2	5	...	.	4	212	1	2	....	75	1	100	359 00	42 00	2,328 00	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	Ernest Clapp	90	3	4	...	...	..	190	1	2	....	....	6	250	244 87	147 00	1,444 00	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	Wm. A. Dumont	90	2	4	1	...	2	181	2	1	..	....	4	130	254 87	38 75	1,150 00	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	J. Howard Suydam	113	4	1	...	...	5	198	...	...	...	....	1	120	454 15	69 00	1,665 00	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	Charles W. Fritts	130	7	5	4	...	3	323	1	2	....	....	1	180	504 46	217 79	3,869 75	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	J. Ferguson Harris	60	7	5	1	...	3	92	3	2	....	....	1	60	358 87	101 00	1,200 00	Hyde Park-on-Hudson, "
Glenham	Wm. V. D. Strong, P.E.	36	...	...	.	...	...	95	...	...	....	....	1	90	.....	.....	.....	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Vacant	30	1	...	.	...	1	49	...	...	6	....	1	45	12 06	.....	393 74	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	J. Edward Lyall	102	1	2	2	...	1	190	3	1	....	.	4	197	384 05	150.00	2,057 15	Millbrook, "
	Total	1091	57	60	23		36	2443	29	22	6	75	22	1668	6,049 88	3,049 30	21,574 51	

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. A. Mattice, Pine Plains, N. Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, 25 E. 22d Street, New York City, N. Y.; Rev. F. F. Wilson, Asbury Park, N. J.; Rev. Philip W. Pitcher, Amoy, China.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Belmont	Vacant	29	6	6	6	0	1	53	8	2	5	1	1	130	10 72	.....	1,363 82	Belmont, New York City.
Bronxville	J. Hendrick de Vries	33	4	1	1	0	0	66	1	0	....	....	1	61	129 74	.....	1,562 27	Bronxville, Westchester Co.,
Cortlandtown	Francis M. Bogardus	90	9	6	2	0	4	117	4	4	....	135	2	155	47	.....	1,140 00	Montrose, N. Y. [N. Y.
Fordham	Joseph M. Hodson	99	5	35	12	0	3	185	5	2	1	....	1	200	1,370 16	28 98	5,056 99	Fordham, New York City.
Greenburgh	G. A. T. Goebel	40	3	2	1	1	1	39	10	1	....	....	1	60	23	.....	586 75	Elmsford, Westchester Co.,
Greenville	Joseph A. Harper	42	1	0	2	0	1	60	8	0	....	....	1	36	26 65	.....	858 43	Scarsdale, N. Y. [N. Y.
Hastings	James A. Norris	77	4	0	0	0	1	96	7	0	....	....	1	97	66 17	.....	1,499 00	Hastings, N. Y.
Melrose	George H. Miller	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	Elton Ave. and 156th St.,
Mt. Vernon	Frank S. Scudder	111	3	5	10	0	6	193	3	0	....	93	1	165	650 06	.....	3,516 33	Mt. Vernon, N. Y. [N.Y.C.
Park Hill	Wm. P. Bruce	36	0	0	0	0	1	63	3	0	24	....	1	140	84 29	169 54	2,174 60	Yonkers, N. Y.
Peekskill	Henry de Vries	120	7	1	2	0	2	167	6	3	52	25	1	143	152 58	25 00	1,800 65	Peekskill, "
First, Tarrytown	John K. Allen	130	7	11	5	0	3	206	4	4	....	....	1	270	908 00	470 00	6,769 00	Tarrytown, "
Second, Tarrytown	Arthur F. Mabon	74	0	0	2	0	0	169	2	0	23	....	1	85	107 40	10 47	1,309 55	" "
Unionville	Jas. Jongeneel	45	2	4	0	0	1	77	0	0	22	....	1	70	68 00	6 50	1,128 00	Neperan, "
West Farms	D. Curry Andrew	34	4	1	0	0	2	38	5	0	....	62	1	115	40 82	40 00	1,788 85	1295 Woodruff Ave., N.Y.C.
Yonkers	David Cole	165	13	9	12	0	4	419	9	2	130	243	1	243	398 00	113 00	4,047 00	Yonkers, N. Y.
	Total	1125	68	81	55	1	30	2038	75	18	257	559	16	1973	4,082 59	863 49	34,501 24	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Jno. A. Todd, Rev. George Rockwell, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Rev. Wm. Brush, Morristown, N. J.; Rev. W. W. Rand, Sec. Am. Tract Soc. 23d St., New York City.; Rev. Howard Harris, Foreign Missionary, Japan.; Rev. Wm. S. Moore, Neperan, N. Y.; Rev. J. Henry Bertholf, Yonkers, N. Y.

Candidates.—Licentiate, Henry J. Bogardus, M. D., Jersey City, N. J.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

For the Year Ending May 1, 1895.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total Baptized Non-Communicants.	C.C. & S.S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.
				Rec'd.		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	Number of S. S.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
				Confession.	Certificate.														
Arcot	23	19	1775	112	126	178	32	35	1996	216	62	654	2194	123	4401	$461	....	$913	Rev. John H. Wyckoff.
Hudson	11	11	1118	105	28	34	0	27	2097	58	38	49	530	17	1741	3,619	$1,879	17,244	Rev. Jonah W. Vaughan.
Kingston	15	13	1596	261	91	41	3	52	2037	126	82	516	478	31	3182	2,346	465	21,422	Rev. Herman Hageman.
North Long Island	24	26	2454	187	96	103	0	96	4292	523	36	69	878	30	7386	6,065	2,167	57,336	Rev. William H. Ten Eycke.
South Long Island	22	35	2527	195	171	92	1	59	4948	281	38	1151	1526	27	6994	12,240	17,968	54,036	Rev. John S. Gardner.
New York	32	44	3519	545	360	280	1	123	9176	437	63	840	3033	34	11458	39,041	53,273	77,207	Rev. Henry V. S. Myers.
Orange	23	23	2020	198	82	83	8	72	3725	105	75	253	1202	38	3460	6,085	1,305	29,921	Rev. W. H. S. Demarest.
Poughkeepsie	11	15	1091	57	60	23	0	36	2443	29	22	6	75	22	1668	6,049	3,049	21,574	Rev. A. P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	16	22	1125	68	81	55	1	30	2038	75	18	257	559	16	1973	4,082	863	34,501	Rev. J. Hendrik De Vries.
Total	167	208	17225	1728	1095	889	46	530	33652	1850	434	3795	10475	338	42263	$79,988	$80,969	$314,154	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by sub-committees on the Minutes of each Classis, as follows, and the reports were severally accepted and adopted.

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Hudson begs leave respectfully to report that the Minutes for the past year have been correctly kept. In regard to the Constitutional Inquiry, ten of the eleven churches of the Classis made replies; and of these, ten answered the first, third, fourth and sixth questions in the affirmative, five answered the second question in the affirmative, and five in the negative, nine answered the fifth question in the affirmative, and one in the negative, and five answered the seventh question in the affirmative, and five in the negative.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. RUNK,
JOHN C. GIFFING,
Committee.

Classis of Kingston.—Your Committee have examined the Minutes of the Classis of Kingston, and found them correct.

MORTIMER SMITH, *Chairman.*

North Classis of Long Island.—The Committee to examine the Minutes of the North Classis of Long Island would respectfully report that they have performed their work, and find the Minutes in order and well kept.

G. D. LYDECKER, *Chairman.*

South Classis of Long Island.—The Minutes of the South

Classis of Long Island have been examined and found in order.

FRANK S. SCUDDER,
F. R. BENJAMIN.

Classis of New York.—The examination of these Minutes reveals, 1. Marked neatness and completeness. 2. Complete and careful statistical reports. 3. Inadequate attention to the Constitutional Inquiries. Six churches only answer "Yes" to all. To the fifth question only do all the churches answer "Yes." Your Committee expresses its entire satisfaction with the Minutes of the Classis of New York.

ROBERT H. BEATTIE, *Chairman.*

Classis of Orange.—Your Committee report that the Minutes of the Classis of Orange have been examined, found in order, and recommend their approval.

J. W. VAUGHAN,
EDW. BOGARDUS.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—The Committee on Classical Minutes of Poughkeepsie report that they have been examined and found correct.

JOSEPH DIXON,
GEO. E. VOSBURGH.

Classis of Westchester.—The Committee on the Minutes of Classis of Westchester reports the book not present.

M. T. CONKLIN,
WM. N. CLARK.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported as follows, and the report was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Judicial Business would respectfully report that two papers have been placed in their hands, (1) an overture from the Classis of Orange in reference to the discontinuance of the printing of the Minutes of the Particular Synod; (2) an appeal of the Holland Church from the action of the Classis of New York declaring said church disbanded.

I.—Referring to the overture of the Classis of Orange, the Committee would recommend to the Particular Synod the consideration of the following reasons for continuing the custom now in vogue:

1. That the custom should not be discontinued without correspondence with other Particular Synods, and securing uniformity of action.

2. That the Minutes of General Synod, Vol. III, p. 77, require that two copies of Minutes of Particular Synod be sent to each of the other Particular Synods, and ten copies to the General Synod.

3. That therefore the proper order for procedure would be to have such action as is proposed in the overture come before the Particular Synod as a recommendation from General Synod.

4. That should the practice of printing the Minutes be discontinued, the difficulty and expense of making up the Minutes of General Synod would be materially increased.

II.—Referring to the appeal. Finding that all the Constitutional requirements pertaining to the appeal have been complied with, we recommend:

1. That the case be taken up according to the Rules of Constitutional Order.

2. We recommend further that the communication and credentials be presented in the following order:

(1). The communication of the Holland Church appealing to the Particular Synod.

(2). The credentials of Rev. G. Edwin Talmage.

(3). The credentials of Rev. A. G. Vermilye.

3. That the hour for proceedings be 11.20 A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE D. LYDECKER,
FRANK S. SCUDDER,
H. HAGEMAN,
EDWARD BOGARDUS,
JOSEPH SHUTTS.

The Synod took up the appeal of the Consistory of the Holland Church of New York City, from a decision of the Classis of New York. The President reminded the members of the Synod that they were about to proceed to the consideration of Judicial Business, and should regard their character as judges of a court of Jesus Christ.

The Rev. A. G. Vermilye was recognized as Commissioner from the Classis of New York.

The Rev. George Edwin Talmage was recognized as Counsel for the Consistory of the Church.

1. The action appealed from was read.

2. The appeal and reasons for the appeal were read.

3. All the documents in the case were read.

4. The Appellant, the Consistory, was heard through its Counsel, the Rev. G. Edwin Talmage.

5. The Classis was heard through its Commissioner, the Rev. A. G. Vermilye.

6. The Consistory was heard in reply by its Counsel, the Rev. G. Edwin Talmage.

The parties having withdrawn, the Synod proceeded to deliberate.

The Roll was called, and the members expressed their opinion.

The following question was then put to Synod:

"Shall the action of the Classis of New York be sustained?"

It was decided by a vote of 16 Ayes and 17 Nays, not to sustain.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Board of Education, calling the attention of Synod to the proportionate amount per family contributed to this cause within the bounds of this Synod, and urging an increase for the future.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to by the Committee on Classical Minutes

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon, after the organ-ation, was passed in devotional exercises, led by the ev. Samuel T. Searle.

The first half-hour of the Wednesday morning session as also spent in devotional exercises, led by the Pres-ent.

The communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated ı the evening of the first day, immediately after the ynodical sermon. The form was read by the President Synod. The bread was administered by the Rev. Will-m P. Bruce, and the cup by the Rev. Marion T. Conklin. he distribution of the bread was made by Elders F. R. enjamin and M. E. Curtis, and that of the cup by Elders 'illiam N. Clark and J. E. Graham.

The bar of the house was defined.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of Arrangements be ap-ɔinted, of which the pastor of the church shall be a ıember, to fix the hours of meeting and adjournment ıring this session of Synod; to select those who are to ɜsist in conducting the religious exercises; to arrange the rogramme for Tuesday evening's services; and to appoint

the time for the reading of the papers and the hearing of the representatives of the Boards, or other causes.

The President appointed to serve on such Committee the Revs. B. E. Dickhaut and J. W. Vaughan, and Elder M. E. Curtis.

The Committee reported, which was accepted and adopted, and the services and sessions were held in accordance with the same, as recorded.

An invitation was extended to the Synod, by the pastor and the people, to attend an informal reception at the parsonage on Tuesday night, after the services in the church. Refreshments were served, and a very enjoyable hour passed.

The Rev. Wm. H. Boocock read a paper on "The Sunday-school," and Elder Francis Bacon read a paper entitled "Observations on the Peculiarities and Possibilities of our Reformed Church."

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations be requested to select persons for reading papers at the next regular meeting of the Synod.

The Committee reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

For reading papers at the next regular meeting of Synod, we recommend the following: *Primarii*, the Rev. David J. Burrell, D.D., of the Classis of New York; the Rev. Ame Vennema, of the Classis of Orange. *Secundi*, Rev. G. Edwin Talmage; Elder J. C. Giffing, of the Classis of New York.

JOHN SCUDDER, *Chairman*.

The Rev. John Scudder and Elder J. C. Giffing were heard in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions; the Rev. A. H. Brush was heard for the Board of Domestic Missions. The Rev. A. De Witt Mason presented the

claims of "the Mission Field," and gave an account of the work for Missions by the Y. P. S. C. E. of our denomination. The Rev. C. E. Wyckoff spoke in behalf of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Synod recommend the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip to churches where young men's societies are desirable.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the stated Clerk be authorized to procure the printing of the usual number (450) of copies of the Minutes of this session of Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Synod records its grateful appreciation of the pleasing and edifying circumstances which have environed the present meeting; the ancient edifice of the church of Fishkill, with memorial tablets and floral adornments; the musical service, so exquisitely rendered in accordance with a beautifully printed and illustrated programme, gratuitously distributed; the gracious reception at the parsonage, sweetened by simple refreshments; the hospitable entertainment of the members at the homes and hotels of the community; the eloquent addresses and papers which have been presented on important and vital themes; the harmony and efficiency which have prevailed.

ARTICLE XX.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer presented the following account, which was referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Account, and their report, which was accepted and adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on the Treasurer's Account report that they have examined the Treasurer's Account with the vouchers and find them correct, and that there is a balance due the Synod of eighty-one dollars and ninety-eight cents ($81.98).

H. DU BOIS, *Chairman.*

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Treasurer.*

1894. **Dr.**

May 1.	To Cash—Balance due Treasurer on old account.....		$14 20
" 8.	"	Paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for repairs to Synod's Trunk.....	1 80
" 8.	"	Paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for stationery and postage.....	4 47
" 8.	"	Paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for Doorkeeper at New Utrecht.....	5 00
" 8.	"	Paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for one copy Minutes General Synod 1893.....	65
" 8.	"	Paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for traveling expenses of readers of papers before Synod.	4 99
July 30.	"	Paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for salary as Stated Clerk for year ending May 1st, 1895....	100 00
Oct. 17.	"	Paid Hosford & Sons for 450 copies Minutes of 1894.....	143 91
1895.			
May 6.	"	Balance due Synod to new account.....	81 98
			$357 00

1894. **Cr.**

June 18.	By Cash	from Rev. J. R. Duryee, Treasurer, Classis of New York.....	65 00
" 18.	"	From Herman H. Shook, Esq., Treasurer, North Classis of Long Island.....	61 00
" 19.	"	From Nathan S. King, M.D., Treasurer, Classis of Westchester.....	37 00
" 27.	"	From R. M. Shepard, Esq., Treasurer, Classis of Hudson.....	26 00
Oct. 11.	"	From Rev. H. Hageman, Treasurer, Classis of Kingston.....	36 00
" 17.	"	From Rev. J. S. Gardner, Treasurer, South Classis of Long Island.....	52 00
Nov. 28.	"	From Rev. George W. Scarlet, Treasurer, Classis of Orange.....	53 00
1895.			
April 9.	"	From Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D.D., Treasurer, Classis of Poughkeepsie.....	27 00

E. E., NEW YORK, May 6th, 1895.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER,

Treasurer.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Arcot.

Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M.D., D.D.
Rev. John Scudder, M.D. Elder Henry J. Scudder.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. David M. Hunter,	Elder Henry Miller,
" George H. Burrill,	" E. A. Best,
" F. V. Van Vranken.	" Charles N. Hardee.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Philip Furbeck,	Elder William Link,
" George D. Lydecker,	" Mark Ayers,
" Benjamin A. Bartholf.	" Henry Buesman.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. James Cantine,	Elder Henry Ten Hagen,
" Joseph Millett,	" Simon P. Freer,
" J. L. McNair.	" Robert B. Dunn.

SECUNDI.

Rev. George Davis,	Elder J. L. Snyder,
" Calvin E. Lasher,	" L. Hasbrouck,
" Herman Hageman.	" N. Van Wagenen.

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII

Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr.,	Elder Ditmars Eldert,
" C. D. F. Steinfuhrer,	" John D. Gerkin,
" Geo. D. Hulst, Ph.D.,	" Elias J. Hendrickson,
" Wm.H.Ten Eyck, D.D.	" Herman H. Shook.

SEDUNDI.

Rev. John C. Guenther,	Elder John H. Dingman,
" Alfred Duncombe,	" J. Clifton Monfort,
" Louis Hieber,	" Joel S. Kelsey,
" Ernest Gutweiler.	" Andrew Wallmuller.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. Tallmadge Bergen,	Elder George W. Pool,
" Peter V. Van Buskirk,	" Williamson Rapalje,
" A. Messler Quick,	" W. R. Bennett,
" Nicholas Pearse.	" George Lott.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John Douglas Adam,	Elder R. T. B. Easton,
" Wm. H. Boocock	" Thos. M. Hegeman,
" J. C. Hume,	" J. M. Stillwell,
" J. L. Zabriskie.	" J. L. Zabriskie, M.D.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. T. W. Chambers, D.D.,	Elder John S. Bussing,
" John H. Oerter, D.D.,	" D. D. Beekman,
" Peter Stryker, D.D.,	" G. A. Henshaw,
" Alfred H. Demarest.	" W. H. Jackson.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Edward J. Runk,	Elder W. P. Glenney,
" H. L. Franzen,	" R. N. Perlee,
" G.H. Mandeville, D.D.	" Ephraim Cutter, M.D.,
" Julius W. Geyer.	" William Maul.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. W. H. S. Demarest,	Elder James M. Stephenson,
" D. T. Harris,	" J. V. Morrison,
" Benjamin T. Statesir,	" R. D. Clark,
" C. Van Oostenbrugge.	" Benjamin Bevier, M.D.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. E. Bernart,	Elder William Bookstaver,
" Joseph Dixon,	" Clark Decker,
" G. S. Garretson,	" William Cortwright,
" G. W. Scarlet,	" Moses Le Fevre.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. Bancroft Hill,	Elder A. J. Ketcham,
" J. H. Suydam, D.D.,	" Edwin Hill,
" Ernest Clapp.	" F. R. Benjamin.

SECUNDI.

Rev. W. A. Dumont,	Elder Walter Underhill,
" A. P. Van Gieson, D.D.	" Marten Heermance,
" Benj. E. Dickhaut.	" E. B. Dumond.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John K. Allen, D.D.,	Elder H. J. Graff,
" James A. Norris,	" Francis Bacon,
" Joseph A. Harper.	" H. S. Seeley.

SECUNDI.

Rev. James Jongeneel,	Elder Charles Dunlop,
" J. Hendrik DeVries,	" W. F. Minerley,
" David Cole, D.D.,	" A. W. Newman.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occured.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in Annual Session in the Reformed Church of Yonkers, N. Y., on the first Tuesday of May, 1896, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, the roll was called and the Synod adjourned after prayer, and the pronouncing of the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

Signed,

CHARLES W. FRITTS, *President.*

BENJAMIN E. DICKHAUT, *Vice-President.*

MARION T. CONKLIN, } *Temporary Clerks.*
WILLIAM P. BRUCE, }

DANIEL VAN PELT, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF THIS SYNOD SINCE THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTICULAR SYNODS, 1870–1895.

1870—Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D. ....Yonkers.
1871—Rev. Goyn Talmage .....Flushing.
1872—Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D..... ...Rhinebeck.
1873—Rev. John A. Todd, D.D.....Tarrytown (1st).
1874—Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D..... ...Poughkeepsie (2d).
1875—Rev John McC. Holmes, D.D.....Brooklyn (1st).
1876—Rev. David Inglis, D.D.....Port Jervis.
1877—Rev. Joachim Elmendorf.....Yonkers.
1878—Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D.D.....Newburgh.
1879—Rev. Charles I. Shepard.....Greenpoint.
1880—Rev. William Ormiston, D.D... .....Mount Vernon.
1881—Rev. David Cole, D.D .....Montgomery.
1882—Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck..... ...Jamaica, L. I.
1883—Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D. ..... Brighton Heights, S. I.
1884—Rev. David N. Vanderveer.....New York (South).
1885—Rev. Herman C. Berg ....Yonkers.
1886—Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D .....Newburgh.
1887—Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D.D., M.D..Claverack.
1888—Rev. William H. Gleason, D.D.....Kingston.
1889—Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D.....Poughkeepsie (1st).
1890—Rev. Lewis Francis..... .. ..N. Y. City (48th St. Col.)
1891—Rev. James Demarest, D.D.....Tarrytown (1st).
1892—Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye, D.D..... Brooklyn (South Bushwick).
1893—Rev. John L. McNair ..... N. Y. City (Bloomingdale)
1894—Rev. Ame Vennema.....New Utrecht, L. I.
1895—Rev. Charles W. Fritts, D.D.....Fishkill, N. Y.

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THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE REFORMED CHURCH OF YONKERS, N. Y., ON TUESDAY, THE 5TH OF MAY, 1896, AT 3 O'CLOCK, P. M., AND ADJOURNED AT 12.30 O'CLOCK, P. M., OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE SESSION.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. John Scudder, at the invitation of the retiring Vice-President, who preached the Synodical sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from Hebrews xii: 14, "And holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.—Minister—John Scudder, M.D.

Classis of Hudson.—Ministers—Ferdinand S. Schenck, D.D., David M. Hunter, Frederick K. Schild, Chalmers P. Dyke. *Elders*—Francis Elting, J. G. Miller, Horace Finger.

Classis of Kingston.—Ministers—Samuel T. Searle James Cantine, Edward Niles. *Elders*—

North Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—James S N. Demarest, Edgar Tilton, Jr. *Elder*—S. H. Durland.

South Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—T. Calvi McClelland, Ph.D., A. DeWitt Mason, James M. Dickson D.D. *Elders*—John L. Ryder, J. H. Lant, P. L. Cortel you, F. B. Schenck.

Classis of New York.—Ministers—David J. Burrell D.D., Julius W. Geyer, D.D. *Elders*—W. P. Howell, Joh S. Bussing, A. V. W. Van Vechten.

Classis of Orange.—Ministers—Wm. Guthrie Myles Edward V. V. Searle. *Elder*—John McCartney.

Classis of Poughkeepsie —Ministers—William A. Du mont, Benjamin E. Dickhaut. *Elders*—C. C. More, H. B Rosa.

Classis of Westchester.—Ministers—G. A. T. Goebel James H. Bertholf, Frank S. Scudder. *Elders*—N. S. King M.D., Francis Bacon.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. Ferdinand S. Schenck was elected President and the Rev. John Scudder, Vice-President. The Revs Edgar Tilton, Jr., and Frank S. Scudder were elected Tem porary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST.

The minutes of the session of 1895 were read from the printed record of them, and the same was approved The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were the Standing Committees:

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.—*Ministers*—James S. N. Demarest, James Cantine, Edward V. V. Searle. *Elders*—John L. Ryder, Horace Finger, S. H. Durland.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.—*Arcot*— ——— ——— *Hudson.*—Rev. Samuel T. Searle. *Elder*—J. H. Lant. *Kingston.*—Rev. David M. Hunter. *Elder*—C. C. More *North Long Island.*—Rev. A. DeW. Mason. *Elder*—N. S. King. *South Long Island.*—Rev. James S. N. Demarest. *Elder*—Francis Bacon. *New York.*—Rev. T. C. McClelland. *Elder*—J. G. Miller. *Orange.*—Rev. G. A. T. Goebel. *Elder*—Francis Elting. *Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. E. V. V. Searle. *Elder*—J. McCartney. *Westchester.*—Rev. J. M. Dickson. *Elder*—J. L. Ryder.

ON CLASSICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.—*Ministers*—T. Calvin McCelland, William A. Dumont, Samuel T. Searle. *Elders*—Francis Bacon, Horace Finger, Wm. P. Howell.

ON THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.—*Ministers*—D. J. Burrell, Benj. E. Dickhaut, J. H. Bertholf. *Elders*—F. B. Schenck, John S. Bussing, N. S. King.

ON OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—*Ministers*—David M. Hunter, G. A. T. Goebel, John Scudder. *Elders*—Francis Elting, C. C. More, E. V. W. Van Vechten.

ON NOMINATIONS.—*Ministers*—Jas. M. Dickson, Benj. E. Dickhaut, Fred. K. Schild. *Elders*—W. P. Howell, J. H. Lant, J. G. Miller.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, informing Synod that the Board had appointed the Rev. D. Sage Mackay, D.D., as its representative at this session of the Synod, and asking that a hearing be given him in their behalf.

Referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, stating that the Rev. Cornelius Brett, D.D., had been appointed to represent the Board at the present session of the Synod.

Referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

A communication was received from the Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., extending on behalf of the Consistory of the First Reformed Church of Jamaica, L. I., an invitation to this Synod to meet in their church at the next annual session in 1897.

Accepted by the Synod with thanks.

A communication was received from the Rev. D. Sage Mackay, D.D., the accredited representative of the Board of Foreign Missions at the present session of this Synod, stating that he would be in attendance upon the Synod on Tuesday afternoon, and that he would count it a kindness if Synod would grant him a hearing on behalf of the Board at that time.

Referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

An overture was received from the Rev. E. J. Runk, arguing the advisability of consolidating Classes covering the territory to be included in the Greater New York into one Classis.

Referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business, who recommended that the matter be laid on the table for the present. Accepted and adopted.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as fol-ws, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would respect-lly report that the Minutes of General Synod for 1895, id of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago, New runswick and New York for the same year, have been aced in their hands and examined, and nothing found in iem requiring special attention.

J. S. N. DEMAREST, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of lbany, Chicago and New Brunswick were received and ferred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A communication was received from the Rev. W. N. Dailey, corresponding delegate from the Particular nod of Albany to the Particular Synod of New York, nbodying the greetings of that body to this Synod. A legram was sent to the Particular Synod of Albany in ssion at Rochester, N. Y., expressing in return the fra-rnal sentiments of this Synod.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on Classical Reports on the State of eligion reported as follows, which was accepted and lopted:

The Committee on Classical Reports on the State of eligion appointed by you, do respectfully report:

We have received and examined reports from all of

the Classes in this Synod. These reports reveal conditio in our church which are cause for rejoicing; but they al exhibit a state of affairs which should demand the serio attention, earnest prayer, grave consideration and acti endeavor of every member of our church. We recogni the inadequacy of statistical tables to express the re state of religion, but these are the only indices given t which your Committee may judge of our gain or los Therefore, whatever we present, we would remind tl brethren, should be taken with that grain of salt whi must always accompany figures when taken as a measu of spiritual life.

As a Synod we have made a gain numerically: thr churches have been added to our list. There is a gain 1064 families, and a total increase of membership of 21 The present number of those in full communion is 33,83 There has been no report of remarkable experienc within our bounds. The churches have been pursuing, the main, an even course, and this year is not noticeab for its gains.

The feature of most significance in connection wi the statistical statement of church membership is the lo of families from our churches on Long Island (463), a the decrease in the number of communicants reported t the Classes of Kingston, South Long Island and Ne York.

This same statistical feature is noticeable in tl columns devoted to Sunday-schools; here we have lo rather than gained; the report shows three Sunda schools less, and a decrease of 236 in the total membershi this loss being sustained largely, like the former, by tho Classes composed, in the main, of city churches.

The column devoted to Congregational Expenses r veals, also, that the city churches, especially those Brooklyn, have felt a financial stress. For their own us the churches this year have raised $11,286 less than la year.

Examination of these three groups of columns disclos this fact: that the growth, numerical and financial, has bee larger proportionately in our rural churches than in o

city work. It looks—we hope it is not so—that we are doing no more than holding our own in the great cities of our Synod. And this conclusion seems to be emphasized by the criticisms of the Classes of New York and North and South Long Island on their own work. The Classis of New York offers no remarks. The Classes of Long Island recognize the need of a forward movement.

If so much of our report seems to be a story of no marked increase, if not a decrease, we rejoice in calling the following to the attention of Synod:

(1) The glorious report of our missionary Classis of Arcot, which shows gain all along the line.

(2) The healthy state of rural churches—financial, numerical and spiritual.

(3) And not least, but rather chiefest: The gain in our missionary gifts. The actual gain over the previous year is $6,205, or 10 per cent. Arcot has increased her offerings 33⅓ per cent., New York, 25 per cent., South Long Island, 11 per cent., North Long Island, 10 per cent., Westchester, 10 per cent. and so on. We regret that into this glad work we must throw the dark shadow of Orange. She has fallen off 40 per cent. in missionary gifts. But this only serves to bring out, in clearer light, this fact—that those churches in our large cities which have suffered a numerical and financial loss, or at best have about held their own in missionary enthusiasm and benevolence, have covered themselves with glory in missionary activity.

Thus, on the principle that missionary gifts are a safe index of spiritual interest, we rejoice in a gain, honest, actual and blessed, a gain in spiritual life which must show statistical increase to the Synod of 1897. This shows, also, that the Particular Synod of New York is abundantly able to meet the increase called for by our Boards, since our average gain is in excess of the amount required.

The individual reports and and statistical tables are herewith appended.

Respectfully submitted,

T. CALVIN McCLELLAND, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

The members of the Classis of Arcot, in reviewin condition of the churches composing it, must feel there is very much to encourage us and to assure u our Lord is with us, and that it is He that is fightin battle.

Numerically, the Classis is stronger now than before. During the year, one new church has been o ized at Gingee and placed under the pastorate of John Peter. One village has been dropped from our but in its place six new villages have been received in these communities the truth as it is in Christ is exemplified and taught.

There are to-day 72 more families on our rolls were there last year. Altogether 219 adults and 309 dren, a total of 528 souls, have come out from heath and united themselves with Christ's people. And the number of those under instruction is 2279, or an inc of 63 over last year.

But, more than this, 93 adults have, after ca instruction, been admitted into the church by the r baptism, and that due prominence is given to God's nant with His people and their children, is shown b baptism during the year of 236 children. The tot baptized adults stands now at 760, an increase of 106 last year. While baptized children number 2401, wh two less than last year, probably due to the fact that classed last year as children are this year shown a the adults. There is then a gain of 104 in the total baptized. But the blessing of God on our churcl more clearly shown when we consider the statistics the head of communicants. For we trust that here a cluded only the names of those who have entered int fullest communion with the Great Head of our ch During the year 135 have entered into full communi public confession of their faith. This is 23 more than received last year. 256 were received from other chu To balance this, 257 were dismissed to other church were suspended for irregular conduct, 35 have lef

world for their eternal reward in heaven. This leaves the total now in communion at 2073, a net gain over last year of 77. To the Great Head of the church do we render praise and thanksgiving for these tokens of His presence.

But mere increase in numbers can never be considered a safe indication of the growth and strengthening of His church, nor do we look in vain for signs of a more vigorous Christian life. Perhaps the most encouraging is the enthusiastic establishment of the Gospel Extension Society. That the native church has been awakened to give the Gospel to others, as well as to receive its blessings, saves it from the danger of becoming a stagnant pool, and converts it into a life-giving spring. And we may be sure that by giving the church will receive as rich a blessing herself as she can confer on those to whom she sends the living water. The enthusiasm with which the work has been begun, is a most hopeful sign of the times and the vigor of our life.

Signs are also not wanting of a greater desire on the part of Christ's followers to give, not only their money, but also their efforts to bring others to Christ. Voluntary efforts in preaching the word are more numerous than they have been, for which encouraging sign we lift up our hearts in praise to Christ. In another most vital matter have we cause for great rejoicing. The contributions of the people for benevolent and congregational purposes, show an increase over last year of Rs. 135. 1. 10. And in a number of these churches where native pastors are settled, a decided increase in the gifts of the people for pastoral support reported. Perhaps, the weakest point in our Classis is that of self-support, and every sign of improvement in this matter will be hailed with delight. For until the churches can stand alone, there can be no stability to our work, and it is along these lines more than any other that we are called upon to work for the strengthening of the Master's Kingdom.

Another encouraging sign is found in the efforts for the young, not only in Sunday-schools, which have been kept up as usual, but in the efforts to train the young through Christian Endeavor Societies and in other ways,

to work for Christ, and to show them that they also may take an active part in the winning of India for Christ. The earnest attention of all our pastors and helpers is especially invited to this subject. The young are the hope of the church, and no greater or more effective work can be done than to train these little ones for Christ

Nor can we close this short review of our Classis without reference to the meetings established to deepen the spiritual life of our churches. Harvest festivals have been held in different parts of our Classis with beneficent results. Especial effort should be made to induce our church members to attend these festivals, and especial effort should be made to make these festivals means of deepening the spiritual life of all who attend them.

The Christian Workers' Conference we feel to be an agency specially blessed of God to the spiritual uplift of His church. No extended mention need here be made of the meeting of this year, so thoroughly enjoyed by so many of us. But may we not express the hope that we may, by not forgetting our midday consecration, learn to practice what we then learned, and not forget to ask our beloved Lord and Saviour to make these conferences a greater source of spiritual power in the future?

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Rev. Jared W. Scudder, D. D., having been elected and installed Professor of Theology in the Arcot Theological Seminary, has been dismissed to the General Synod. Rev. Henry M. Scudder, D.D., and Rev. William W. Scudder, D.D., both charter members of the Classis, and for many years identified with us, have passed to their eternal reward.

Licentiates Yesuratnam and Benjamin Thomas are to be ordained to the ministry and installed pastors to the Chittoor and Kottapalli churches respectively, on the 23d of the current month. The seven members of the last graduating class of the Theological Seminary have received their certificates of licensure to preach the gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS R. SCUDDER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

Your Committee on the State of Religion presents the following report:

Reports have been received from all of our churches. Taking the churches of the Classis as a whole, the year has been one of marked gains. The whole number of members received on confession has been 137, as against 105 last year, an increase of 32. Of these the largest number received by any church was 41, by the church of Philmont. The next highest number was 24, received by the church at Linlithgo. Other numbers were 18, 12, 10 and so on down to 1, no church being without some addition in this way. The net gain in membership for this year has been 75. Death has removed 39 of our members. Two have been suspended, both in one church. The accessions by letter exceed the dismission by 18, while last year the dismissions exceeded the accessions by certificate by 6. The enrollment in the Sunday-schools is 1950, as against 1741 last year, a gain of 219. In the matter of contributions the showing is not so good. Contributions for denominational objects are $3,613.16, as against $3,619.64 last year. For other objects, $867.15, as against $1,879.89 last year. For congregational objects, $16,080.44 against $17,244.71 last year.

First Claverack reports a happy and prosperous year. It has a home department, in connection with the Sunday-school, of 195 members. The debt on the chapel has been cancelled. The church has been repaired. Two native preachers in India are supported, in addition to other missionary work.

Gallatin reports severe losses by death, but more gains in membership than last year. The means of grace are clearly appreciated.

Germantown.—The church has suffered by reason of an intermission of nearly seven months in the services. The list of members has been revised, over 70 names having been cut out.

Greenport.—The year has been one of preparation and planning under a new pastor. The Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society has been strengthened and an auxiliary to the Domestic Board organized. The desire is expressed for a new baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Hudson.—The year has been marked by peace and prosperity. The church is thoroughly organized so as to give every member an opportunity for Christian work.

Lintlithgo.—The quickening influence of the Holy Spirit was felt in a series of meetings held in December. The Young People's Society is in a flourishing condition.

Livingston at Linilithgo—.Only a statistical report.

Mellenville reports a successful year in the Sunday-school. The devotion of the working force in the church has never been greater. There have been special financial difficulties to contend with.

Philmont.—The work of the church has been pleasant, harmonious and successful. The church has grown in every way. It has doubled in membership during the four years of its separate existence. Forty-six persons were received at the last communion. The church has given $300 more than the amount assigned for missions. The offerings for benevolence have been at the rate of nearly $4 per member.

Upper Red Hook.—The liberality of the church this year surpasses that of last year. Two funds have been added to the schedule of beneficence, the Disabled Ministers' Fund and the Widows' Fund.

West Copake.—Only a statistical report.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Mortimer Smith and the church of Germantown was dissolved May 20th, 1895. The Rev. E. T. Corwin, D.D., was received from the Classis of New Brunswick, June 10th, 1895, and installed pastor of the Greenport Church, June 18th, 1895.

The licentiate, Mr. F. K. Schild, was received from the Classis of New Brunswick, June 10th, 1895, and was ordained and installed pastor of the Livingston church at Lintlithgo, June 20th. Mr. C. P. Dyke, licentiate, was received from Classis of New Brunswick, Sept. 24th, 1895, and ordained and installed pastor of the Germantown church, Oct. 15th. The Rev. W. W. Whitney, has been dismissed to the Classis of Schoharie, and the Rev. Edward G. Ackerman to the Classis of Bergen.

DAVID M. HUNTER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report as follows:

Up to the evening before the meeting of Classis, two of the churches have failed to send in any report, which, of course, has proven very embarrassing in endeavoring to compare the condition of the churches as a whole with that of last year. As far as can be judged, however, all of the congregations have been blest with the evident presence of the Holy Spirit. Souls have been added to every church, and in many cases the increase has been large. A gratifying increase is noted in the amounts given for denominational objects. The hard times are sorely felt, and several of the country and village churches have been weakened by the loss of families who have followed the drift to the city. Probably, when the returns are all in, an increase in the number of communicants and benevolent contributions will be shown, and a small decrease in the number of families and contributions for congregational expenses, with the Sunday-school statistics about the same as last year. The "Remarks," with but few exceptions, have a very optimistic tone, and the general feeling seems to be that the past warrants us in hoping for even better results in the future, under the guidance of Him, who is the Great Head of the church.

Bloomingdale.—Abundant reason is felt for thanking God and taking courage. The church is in a good spiritual

condition, and reports an increase both in families and in members. The amount contributed for denominational purposes is much larger than during the preceding year.

The Clove rejoices in the fact that there were no deaths among the members to report, for the first time in many years. The congregation has been strengthened by some who have come from sister churches, but more by their liberality to their near ecclesiastical neighbor in the time of sore need. A chapter of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip has been started that promises great usefulness in saving the young men. The ordinary work of the church goes on in the usual way without any marked features.

Dashville Falls.—Gives statistics only.

Gardiner.—The past year has been one of activity manifested in various ways. A Young Men's Association has been started with costly furnished rooms. The children are enthusiastic in the work of their own Christian Endeavor Society. A parsonage and barn are in course of erection on the church property. Several families have moved away, but we trust others will take their places. Encouraged by the past, we look forward confidently into the future.

Guilford rejoices in God's continual care. All the ordinances of His house have been statedly administered. The meetings of the different societies have been well attended. Special work has been done along the line of temperance. During the year a neat chapel has been built in the southern part of the congregation. Peace and harmony prevail. We earnestly hope and ardently pray that the Great Head of the church may bless us still more abundantly in the future.

Hurley.—The women have been especially active in the interests of the boards, and the other societies have done their part. The usual services have been held. The pastor has tendered his resignation to take effect on April

30th, after eight years of labor in this part of the Master's vineyard..

Kingston.—Fair Street. Gives statistics only, that show a prosperous condition.

Krumville has been weakened by the moving away of several members, and is struggling under many disadvantages. Still we feel grateful to our Heavenly Father for His many blessings and favors, as the church is alive and doing as well as could be expected. The financial obligations have been met. The best of Christian feeling exists.

Lyonsville.—The work goes on as usual. Several have been added to the church, and the contributions are somewhat larger than in last report.

Marbletown.—The church work has gone on along the customary lines during the past year. No special efforts have been made. Ten have been received into membership on confession. The stringency of the times has been seriously felt by us.

Marbletown North.—The contributions for benevolence have been nearly doubled. Encouraging growth is reported in the attendance on the Sunday-schools. Some have been gathered into the fold of the Good Shepherd and others are waiting for the next communion.

New Paltz.—Once more this church has lost its pastor, and, after a few months, called another to minister to their spiritual wants. Still the work has been marked by the goodness of God, who has proven to be the Unchanging one. Contributions to all the different branches of the church work have been gratifying, and there has been a gain in membership over all losses. The many societies have been active and blest in their work. We speak gratefully of the past and look forward hopefully. In God is our trust,

Rochester.—Quiet but faithful work has been accomplished that is not so manifest to the community as on

some previous years, but to those that have spiritual discernment they are apparent. Removals and deaths have been unusually frequent, and the expense necessary to maintain the worship of God have been met with greater difficulty. But we purpose to pray on, labor on, and "wait on the Lord, who shall strengthen our hearts."

Rosendale. We have had a very serious loss, as both the church and parsonage have been destroyed by fire. The year previous $3,000 was expended in repairs, now all is gone. As children of our Heavenly Father, we believe it must be for the best and pray for grace to surmount the seemingly insurmountable. We have commenced to build, and have been helped by the congregations of New Paltz and the Clove very materially. Our people for some time to come will have a hard road to travel, and we expect to be foot-sore and weary, but if we can hand down to posterity a sanctuary free from encumbrance, we shall feel that our labors have not been for naught.

St. Remy.—The year has been marked by steady growth rather than by a rapid increase. The services are well attended and the Christian Endeavor Society is doing a good work. Peace and harmony prevail, and—the best of all—"God is with us."

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

On December 9th, 1895, the pastoral relation between the church of New Paltz and Rev. John G. Fagg was dissolved, and he was dismissed to the Classis of New York.

On March 16th, 1895, Rev. E. C. Oggel, D.D., was received from the South Classis of Long Island, and shortly after installed as pastor of the church of New Paltz.

On April 21st, 1896, the pastoral relation between the church of Hurley and the Rev. S. T. Searle was dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD NILES, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion has received reports from twenty-two out of the twenty-four churches composing the Classis, East Williamsburg and New Hyde Park being delinquent, and begs to submit the following summary:

Jamaica reports that all the departments of church work have been carried on successfully during the year. A cordial and happy feeling of unity exists. The financial condition of the church continues to be strong, and the devotion of the people to all denominational interests has been manifested by their generous gifts.

Newtown reports a year of quiet, steady growth. All the departments of church work have been carried on with the usual success. At the last communion a larger number was received into membership in the church than at any one time in twenty years. The mission at Winfield is well maintained, and is fast outgrowing its quarters. The church has shared in the growth of the village during the past year. Delightful harmony prevails.

Oyster Bay reports that the year has been one of considerable anxiety. "It has not, however, been destitute of many evidences of God's love and care for His church." Notwithstanding the unusual financial stringency, the work of the Lord is not hindered. The Christian Endeavor Society has done good work "in calling the young to the house of worship."

North Hempstead has had a year of quiet and harmonious advance. Though feeling the stringency of the times, an unusual amount of money has been raised, both for home and benevolent objects, a special effort in behalf of Foreign Missions realizing nearly one hundred dollars beyond the usual amount.

Williamsburg submits statistics without remarks.

Astoria regrets the loss by removal of some of its most efficient members. Besides a loss last year of an elder and

deacon in this way, this year two elders, one of whom is the Superintendent of the Sunday-school, will remove from the place before the first of May. In other ways the church is much encouraged. Perfect harmony and good feeling prevail. The audiences are large, and the feature noted last year continues—the large proportion of men, and especially young men, that attend the evening service.

Flushing has enjoyed during the past year a good degree of prosperity. There has been no large ingathering, but rather consolidation of strength, and progress along the regular lines of church work. The Sunday-school has had a marked increase. The several societies organized for Christian work are in a flourishing condition.

Kent St., Brooklyn, has had a good year. Notwithstanding the depression of the times, and the removal of helpers in the work of the church, the benevolent contributions have equalled those of the former year, within a very insignificant fraction, and the gifts for congregational purposes have very considerably exceeded those of the previous year for this purpose. A Junior Christian Endeavor Society has been organized during the year, and its success has been most marked. Its members attend the Sunday evening service in a body, and the pastor preaches a short sermon to them. The Mission conducted by this church has largely recovered from the unhappy experience of last Spring, having as many now on its Sunday-school roll as before the defection, and a larger attendance upon its week-day and Sunday evening services than formerly. The boys' and girls' clubs in connection with the Mission and the Industrial School and Kitchen Garden are doing good work.

South Bushwick makes no special report beyond the statement that the church is harmonious in all its parts, and its work is going on as usual.

Second Astoria has had a prosperous year. Notwithstanding the hard times, all obligations have been met, and there has been a considerable increase in benevolent

contributions. Peace and harmony reign. The loss by death is mourned of one of the most efficient lady members of the church, the wife of Elder H. Mencken.

East Williambsburg sends no report.

Queens has encountered many difficulties in connection with losses of some efficient workers by death and removal, and other hindrances; but nevertheless the work of the church has been carried on with a fair degree of success. The home expenses have all been provided for, and the benevolent contributions, though not equal to those of last year, have been good. The worldly state of many church members has been found to be a serious obstacle in the way of reaching the unconverted.

The German Evangelical Church of Brooklyn holds its own as to members. It has also enjoyed showers of spiritual blessing. Financially it has suffered under the depression and strain of the times, as well as from the removal of some of its wealthier members on account of the influx of Jews into the neighborhood. The Sabbath-school is progressing wonderfully The several societies are doing well, and their work is telling in the church.

Sayville has held its own during the past year. There has not been a large increase in membership. The population of the place is stationary, so that large growth is not to be expected. The attendance on preaching services, and also at the Sunday-school, is good.

Locust Valley, though numerically small, is vigorous in church life and work. Unity of feeling and effort among the members enables them to use their abilities to great advantage. The community at large, however, is not a church-going one. The general outlook, while not very promising, is by no means discouraging.

College Point has had a prosperous year. Despite hard times, contributions for denominational objects have increased fully 75 per cent. Altogether it has been the best year, financially, in the history of the church. The

Sunday-school work has been especially encouraging, the conscientious home study of the lessons by the scholars being a marked feature.

First Long Island City has had one of the most trying years in its history, owing to the depressing influence of the times. Still, while there has been a considerable falling off in contributions for congregational purposes, there is a marked increase in contributions for missions and other objects. The spirit of religious life and devotion is not wanting. The services are well attended, and the Christian Endeavor and Missionary Societies were never so earnest and active.

Bushwick.—No remarks.

German Evangelical, Jamaica, reports another year of prosperity. The church services have been well attended. In spite of hard times the debt has been lowered $200. The Young People's Society has been active, and the Sunday-school is growing by the faithful work of its officers.

Hicksville reports the loss of some families on account of the new tariff, depriving them of a livelihood, and obliging them to move away. This, together with the low price of farm produce, has crippled the church. But especially a deep gloom hangs over the church because the pastor intends leaving in the Fall. The consistory feel that the interests of the church which he has served over eleven years would be jeopardized by such a step.

Second Newtown (*German*) reports the most successful year in the forty years of its history. Work has been done which, when undertaken at the beginning of the year, seemed well-nigh impossible of accomplishment; but the Master's blessing, in answer to prayer, has attended the efforts put forth, and notable results have been attained. Though the people are mostly poor, a parsonage has been built and paid for excepting $1,200, which remains as a

mortgage on the property, valued at $2,500. The report also emphasizes growth in grace manifested in the every-day life of the members of the church. A spirit of union and self-sacrifice prevails.

The Church of Steinway is doing a valuable work in the community. The average congregation has increased during the year. The Sunday-school and the several Societies organized for Christian work, are all forces for good, whose influence is directly visible. There has been an increasing spirit of benevolence, and the spiritual life of the church is manifest in all its departments of work.

The Church of Jesus has made progress during the year. The congregation and membership have increased. A good amount of floating debts has been paid off. The Sunday morning service and the Sunday-school are well attended, but the attendance at the evening service could be better.

New Hyde Park sends no report.

A general view of the state of the churches shows that while they are in a healthy condition upon the whole, there has been no marked advance. They have been holding the fort well, but not pushing out much into the enemy's country. There is no evidence of a revival interest anywhere in our borders. It is matter for encouragement, however, that the strain of the hard times, felt by so many of our churches, has been so well borne, the grace of liberality being developed apparently in proportion to the exigency. The showing for the past year would seem to suggest and emphasize the lesson that, as a Classis, we should aim at larger results in the way of aggressive work, for the year to come, and for this purpose, seek earnestly for a fresh baptism with the Spirit of the Master on the part of the pastor and consistories, and private members of all our churches.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The following ministerial changes have taken place:

Rev. Joseph T. Duryea, D.D., was received from the Omaha Association of the Congregational Church, and in-

stalled pastor of the First Church of Williamsburg, on June 4th, 1895.

Rev. Charles S. Wyckoff was received from the Classis of Illinois, Sept. 9th, 1895.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Louis Huber and the Church of New Hyde Park was dissolved Sept 9th, 1895, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Rensselaer.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES DEMAREST, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on State of Religion are unable to make a full report, as some of our churches have not sent to us their statistics. Of the churches reporting, some show a decrease in membership, and but few indicate a marked increase. We therefore recommend that our churches be not satisfied at reaching Easter, but press forward to Pentecost. The detailed reports are as follows:

First Reformed.—The church continues to be in a prosperous and satisfactory condition. The attendance at the Sunday services is uniformly large, with many strangers at each service. Practically all the desirable pews are rented. The congregational prayer meetings on Friday evenings, are also well attended and are interesting. During the year 80 members have been received into the church.

Flatbush.—The regular services of the church and Sunday-school have been maintained. Three new members have been added on confession, and twelve by certificate. The pastor, the Rev. C. L. Wells, D.D., has almost completed the thirty-third year of his pastorate over our church. For the third time in as many years we have been called upon to mourn the sudden death of a ruling elder in our church. On November 11th, 1895, Dr. John L. Zabriskie passed to his reward. He was well known in the county of Kings, was loved and respected by all who

knew him, and in his death both the church and the community have suffered a great loss.

Grace Chapel reports a net gain in membership for the year, of seven. The agencies employed during the year, in addition to the Sunday-school, the regular preaching services and the prayer meetings, were the Y. P. S. C. E, a bi-weekly teachers' class in Bible study, the Ladies' Aid Society and the monthly distribution of tracts. The Sunday-school and the Y. P. S. C. E. are in a flourishing condition. The average attendance at the regular church services has been fair. A choir has been added during the year. Money is raised by the envelope system.

New Utrecht.—The customary services and work of the church have been supported with evident interest and devotion. The results of the year, secured through many agencies, are gratifying and encouraging. None of the objects claiming attention have been neglected, and many have received increased regard. Accessions to our communion have been considerable.

Gravesend.—A gradual, but steady growth has marked the work of the year. We mourn the death of several of the aged members of our church. All departments of the work are in good condition.

Flatlands reports a decided gain in membership over previous years. All branches of church work are growing, and there is manifest a healthy Christian life. Notwithstanding unfavorable local conditions, and the unusually large amount raised for our individual church, there has been a perceptible increase in benevolence.

New Lots.—The church has had a prosperous year. We have a flourishing Junior C. E. and a prosperous Sunday-school.

East New York.—The year has been an encouraging one. There has been a net gain in membership of 38. A good degree of spirituality, and consequently of activity and benevolence, has prevailed. The Sunday-school has

been growing, and is in excellent condition. The benevolence to other objects has taken the direction of aiding the Y. M. C. A. of the 26th Ward. The prospects for the future are bright, and plans have been formed for establishing a "Men's Social Union," and for having free pews at the evening service.

South Reformed.—This church is at present without a pastor. There is a net gain in membership for the year, of 15. No report is given except the statistical table.

Twelfth Street.—No report except statistical table.

North Reformed.—No report; only table.

Church on the-Heights.—No report except statistical table.

Bethany Chapel.—A good degree of spiritual interest is manifest. Successful evangelistic services have been held during the winter. Development along the line of institutional church work has been marked. A Kindergarten, with 60 pupils and two teachers and an assistant, has been started. In connection with this, a "Mothers' Club" has been formed. Also a Union Club, composed of the young ladies of Bethany and of the Church-on-the-Heights, is doing good work with a course of lectures on hygiene and classes in cooking, sewing, embroidery. A Young Men's Club of both congregations is being started, to take charge of a reading room. A boys' club is also under way. Besides the above, among the numerous organizations in Bethany, we note five Circles of King's Daughters, a Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, a Boys' Brigade, two Missionary Societies, a Y. P. S. C. E. and a monthly paper.

New Brooklyn.—Peace and harmony prevail. The Great Head of the church is signally blessing us in the various branches of our church work The regular services and the prayer meetings have been well attended. The Sunday-school is in a prosperous condition. The finances are in good condition. We have gained in num-

bers and in spirituality. We have a net gain in membership for the year, of 32.

Second Flatbush.—The Second Reformed Church of Flatbush has experienced a special season of grace. New spiritual life is manifest among young and old. Many strangers worship with us. The Sunday-school is constantly increasing, so that many new chairs have had to be bought. The contributions to the different boards are larger than ever before, and in addition to this, enough money has been raised to paint the church edifice.

Canarsie.—The past year was one of marked progress. The services have been more largely attended than in former years. The Ladies' Aid Society and the Young People's Societies have increased numerically, and have labored indefatigably, so that we were able to contribute greater amounts than usual to the several boards. The church has been repainted inside. No members have been added, but the outlook is promising. Many German families are moving to Canarsie, of whom a number are already regular attendants in our house of worship. Peace reigns through the congregation.

Bedford.—No report.

St. Thomas, W. I.—No report.

Ocean Hill.—Local and financial conditions have borne heavily on our church during the past year. Many of our best workers have removed from the vicinity of the church. The stringency of the times has been severely felt. With a constant problem of finances to solve, spiritual progress has been in a great measure retarded. Our people are confident, trustful and indefatigable, acting harmoniously, and fully believe that the future has better things in store for us.

Edgewood reports the church life in a strong and healthy condition spiritually and financially.

Ridgewood.—All departments of church work have taken a new start. Thirteen joined the church at the last

communion, of which number eight are from the pastor's Bible Class. The Sunday-school has increased from 70 to 130 regular attendants. The Ladies' Aid, and the Young People's Societies are growing, and are working enthusiastically for the church. The church is organized, and the weekly envelope system has put us on a solid financial basis.

Greenwood Heights reports a steady growth in every department of church work. No communion has passed without some additions, and our net gain in membership for the year is 18.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES

On May 20th, 1895, the student, Mr. J. F. Berg, was examined and licensed to preach, and subsequently, at his own request, was dismissed to the Classis of Orange.

On July 8th, 1895, the pastoral relation between the Rev. John Tallmadge Bergen and the South Church was dissolved, to take effect on September 2d, and Mr. Bergen dismissed to the Classis of Michigan.

On August 16th, 1895, the Rev. H. C. Berg was dismissed to the Classis of Orange.

On October 15th, 1895, the pastoral relation between the Rev. John H. Jensen andthe Second Church of Flatbush was dissolved, to take effect November 1st. At the same meeting, Mr. Jensen was dismissed to the Presbytery of Hudson.

On October 15th, 1895, at his request, Classis relieved the Rev. James C. Hume of the care of the church of Ridgewood. On November 2d, Mr. Hume was dismissed to the Presbytery of New York.

On December 23d, 1895, the Rev. Louis Goebel was received from the Classis of New York, and on January 12th, 1896, was installed pastor of the Second Church of Flatbush.

On February 27th, 1896, the Rev. E. C. Oggel was dismissed to the Classis of Kingston.

J. M. FARRAR, *Chairman*.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The Collegiate Church has enjoyed a year of prosper-
. There have been encouraging additions to the mem-
rship, both on confession and by letter. The contribu-
ns to the various benevolences of the denomination
ve been sustained and increased. A large number of
w families have put themselves under the care of the
urch, especially in connection with the 29th Street
urch, and Knox Memorial and Vermilye Chapels. The
endance upon most of the Sunday-schools has grown.
the autumn of 1895, Rev. John Hutchins, of the Middle
urch, accepted a call to the First Congregational Church
Litchfield, Conn., and he was succeeded in the pastor-
by Rev. John G. Fagg, of New Paltz, N. Y.

The Collegiate Reformed Church of Harlem, gratefully
ords the goodness of the Lord in the prosperity he has
en us during another year. The accessions to the
mbership by confession of faith and by letters have
:n in cheering numbers. In both churches the Sabbath-
ool work has been prosecuted faithfully and success-
ly by earnest and capable officers and teachers. The
ious and really numerous Christian and philanthropic
anizations have admirably filled their spheres, met
ir obligations, and extended the ameliorating power
l the moral influence of the churches. The claims of
evolence, and especially of systematic and proportion-
giving, have been pressed with encouraging results, if
responses have not been all that we wished and hoped
The condition and prospects of our church call for
out gratitude, and authorize cheering expectations.

The South Church of New York reports as follows:
thing noticeable has occurred in our church life. We
d our own and persevere in our quiet way.

Manor Chapel (*South*).—No report.

Staten Island (*Port Richmond*) *Church* reports: While
have nothing of special importance to report, we take
asure in testifying that there has been a steady inter-

est in all the activities of our church. Nineteen have been added to our membership, and the Sunday-school has never been so largely attended as during the past year.

Bloomingdale Church.—No report.

Madison Avenue Church reports: In bringing to you again the report of our church work for the past year, we mention first, our abundant reason as a church, to thank God for His loving favor and the abiding presence of His Holy Spirit in our midst. As a whole, we think the Sabbath services, both morning and evening, have been larger than in past years. Our meetings for prayer during the week have been largely attended, and are looked forward to as a precious season of fellowship and communion with our fellow-believers, and especially with Him who promises to be ever with His children when they meet together in His name. The Home Sunday-school, Christian Endeavor Societies, and the various other departments of church work are all in active working condition. The work at our Mission Chapel, the Bethany Memorial, is very encouraging. During the year, the Consistory felt the need of pastoral work there, and have put in charge an ordained minister, the Rev. John Kershaw, as pastor, who is doing a good work among those people. He preaches morning and evening to fair congregations. Also two or three religious services are held in the evening, during the week, and precious fruits are gathered from the work there. The Sabbath-school connected with this work is very large, numbering from 900 to 1,000 scholars and teachers. The Boys' Club, Gymnasium, Christian Endeavor Societies, Mothers' Meeting and other special work are in successful operation. The building is open every day and evening, with its library and reading-room free to all who wish to avail themselves of its advantages, and we know this building has been a blessing in uplifting and helping the people of the neighborhood. The Day Nursery, Working Girls' Club, and Kindergarten, are doing a noble work in helping those whom we are striving to lift up and benefit, so that they

y lead pure, holy and useful lives. We anticipate open-
, at an early date, a free dispensary in connection with
mission work.

German Evangelical Mission reports: We have very
le to add to our statistical report. Year after year we
l it more difficult to hold our own. Losses by death
l removals are frequent occurrences, while our additions
few in number. Yet, in spite of the increasing diffi-
ties, we have endeavored to do our share in evangeliz-
the region round about us, and in the dissemination of
cts among our countrymen. The attendance on our
rning service is still fair, but on the evening lament-
y small. Our members, living at such distances, can
dly be expected to make the journey twice. For the
ne reason our weekly meetings are numerically weak.
t we keep up three, one for the young people, the other
o for the old. The former is usually well attended, and
siderable interest is shown in these gatherings. Our
nday-schools are in quite a healthy state. Since last
ll, our young members, who prefer the English, have or-
nized an English Sunday-school, with many good
ults. Also an Industrial School has been started, which
s proved quite a success. In benevolence we have done
tter than last year. All our boards have been remem-
red, and we have done handsomely for our own poor and
our Orphan Home. Peace and harmony have pre-
iled among us, for which we bless the God of Peace.

The Church at Huguenot, S. I., reports: Our church
rvices and Sunday-school have been held without inter-
ission during the past year, and the pulpit supplied very
ceptably by Mr. Albert Kuiper, of the Theological Sem-
ary at New Brunswick, excepting communion Sabbaths,
hen Rev. Dr. Stryker, Rev. Dr. Mandeville and Rev. A.
. Demarest officiated. We have an attractive church
lifice in good repair, and about three acres of land
ljoining—and no liens upon the property and no floating
ebts. The attendance upon the services has increased
nce our last report, and the people in the neighborhood

are interested in our church, and have expressed their earnest desire that the services be continued; and have subscribed $300 and will make it $400, toward the support of a pastor. We earnestly request the Classis to furnish additional means to support a pastor, believing that the growth and prosperity of our church depends upon the services of a permanent ministry.

The Mott Haven Church reports: Looking over the past year, we are able to report progress all along the line —more work, better results, larger attendance, increased collections, deeper religious experiences and a constant blessing from God.

The Union Church of High Bridge reports: The church has pursued for another year the even tenor of its way. Its services have been well sustained. The usual degree of spiritual interest prevails, and some improvement has been made in the matter of denominational benevolence. The new parsonage has been completed since the date of the last report, and the debt remaining on the property—the estimated value of which is about $13,000—has been reduced to something less than $2,000. *The Calendar*, a local church paper, has been started during the year, and is doing a good work in the way of advertising the church, and keeping the varied interests prominently before the congregation and community.

The Fourth German Church of New York reports: The past year has been full of evidences of the gracious presence of the Head of the Church. Although local circumstances are anything but encouraging, yet the church has been prospered. We rejoice especially in the decided conversions of some souls. The work among the young people of the church is especially very promising and blessed. The Senior and Junior Endeavor Societies are doing a good work for the salvation of others. Of late the Spirit of the Lord has manifested His power, also, in the Sunday-school, in the hopeful conversions of several scholars. We trust in the Lord for the future.

The Prospect Hill Church of New York reports: During the year the interests of the Prospect Hill Reformed Church have been, as far as possible, protected. Many efforts have been made to improve its condition, and although there have been failures and disappointments, yet hope has not been lost. We are glad to be able to say that its valuable property is still held unimpaired. This property, dedicated to the service of the Gospel, within a defined section of our city, remains to-day for the encouragement of any who may try to fill up the long gap existing in the line of our churches on the east side of Central Park.

The Holland Reformed Church of New York reports: We are still without a pastor. As often as our funds allow we have a student or minister to preach for us, but this is not very often. We have service every Sunday, and if no student or minister, we have to be satisfied with the reading of a sermon by the members of Consistory. We therefore kindly, but urgently, ask the brethren of Classis to recommend us to the Board of Domestic Missions for a certain amount, either for a regular pastor or for students. We are more in need of a regular pastor, but we cannot call one before we have any security from you as to his salary. May the Lord move your hearts in our favor. This is the earnest prayer of the Consistory of the Holland Church.

The German (Avenue B) Church reports: Thanks to the Lord, the past year has been an exceptionally fruitful one. The services well attended, the same as ever, and although several members left our neighborhood, we have also had new ones join us. During the last year our church has also helped the Ottilie Orphanage and the Old People's Home in Brooklyn, with which we are connected. The Young People's Society is also prospering, and, although the membership is rather small, yet a great deal of good is done by it. Our Ladies' Society is instrumental in bringing about many necessary changes to the church and parsonage. Our financial condition is good. Thanks to the goodness of the Lord for what He has done.

The Brighton Heights Church.—No report.

The Union Church of New York reports: This church has no pastor and has no organized existence. It is not legally dissolved. Its Consistory continues intact; their responsibility consists in the conservation of the property of the church, in order to liquidate the debts still outstanding, which work is proceeding satisfactorily.

The German, Norfolk Street, Church, reports: The report of this year cannot be made so perfect because of the change of pastors.

The St. Peter's Church, Kreischerville, S. I., reports: We have good hopes for the future, after a very long and hard time. We have a large mission field. Only our people are too poor to do much for their pastor. They cannot pay more than twenty-five cents each monthly towards our pastor's salary. We could not give anything to the Boards, we had to struggle so much during hard times, and we are glad that we can keep our church open for the poor to hear the gospel. Another step forward we took: Our pastor publishes a religious paper; many Catholics read it and it has been a good help for the pastor. It brought five Catholic families into our church to hear the gospel, and one of them took the Lord's Supper. Before he died he got converted. Thank God for it.

The German Evangelical Church, Yorkville.—No report.

The Grace Reformed Church of New York reports: It has been a busy and fruitful year. The congregation has been united and remarkably faithful in attendance at divine worship. One-third of our members live, on account of recent removal, over two and a half miles from our church. In November last we celebrated the tenth anniversary of the establishment of our church. In this period there have been 324 additions to our membership; 36 have died in faith; 30 have been dismissed to other churches, and 4 suspended. The congregation has contributed for church support and in benevolence, upwards

of $33,000. During the past year the pastor has been present on all but three Lord's Days at service, and all but five of the mid-week services. He has officiated at 28 funerals and 10 marriages. Six times the Lord's Supper has been administered to the dying, and seven times to the congregation. Five societies in active and successful operation meet each week. There has been more than the usual amount of sickness in families connected with us and many deaths.

The Hamilton Grange Church reports: The past year has been one of spiritual prosperity for our church. God has been with us, at times with power. The general feature of the work has been the lengthening and strengthening of our cords. Our various societies—and we have many—have been placed upon a firmer and more substantial basis. Two special features may be noted: 1. The formation of a Mothers' Society of Christian Endeavor. This has been wonderfully blessed of God from the very beginning. Conversions have resulted from it, and the deepening of Christian lives and the sweetening of Christian homes. 2. Growth in missionary interest and in missionary giving. A large number of our young people are daily reading missionary literature, and our gifts to home and foreign work have this year been the largest in the history of our church. Our great hindrance—and it is constantly becoming a greater one—is our church edifice. It is altogether out of keeping with our surroundings, and utterly inadequate to the kind of work that should be done in such a neighborhood as ours. Until in some way we secure a more fitting one, we cannot grow beyond a certain point, and apparently that point has about been reached.

The Church of the Comforter reports: We have reason for encouragement and thankfulness. One year and a half ago this church was organized with a membership of seventeen. It has gained twenty members and now has all the machinery needful, and it is all working very smoothly. We are still worshiping in a dwelling-house,

and find it a great disadvantage. We need a building very much and hope the steps taken by Classis may soon give us this desideratum. A series of evangelistic meetings held in January and February was productive of much good. Grateful for the interest shown in our welfare, we look forward with much hope.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The following are the ministerial changes:

On May 13th, 1895, Rev. F. H. Wright was received. On December 16th, 1895, Rev. John G. Fagg was received, and on April 21st, 1896, Rev. Charles Schlegel was received and arrangements made for his ordination and installation over the Norfolk Street Church. On December 16th, 1895, Rev. Peter Stryker was dismissed to the Classis of Monmouth, Rev. Louis Goebel to the South Classis of Long Island, Rev. John Hutchins to the (Congregational) South Litchfield Ministerial Association, and the pastoral relation between Rev. H. L. Franzen and the Norfolk Street Church was dissolved. In February, Rev. T. W. Chambers was removed by death.

HENRY EVERTSON COBB, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

Report of Committee on State of Religion.

Your committee has heard from all the churches of Classis with the exception of Claraville, which in reality has only a name to live, but is dead. Nearly every church has had some manifestation of the Spirit's presence and power during the year. Several report large accessions by confession. Two have wiped out standing debts, and two others are making preparations for extensive improvements in their church property, while at Germantown, a suburb of Port Jervis, a new organization has been formed.

In our summary we notice a gain of over one hundred families during the year. Our total number of communicants is now 3,835, against 3,725 for last year.

In the contributions, we notice a falling off in every direction, especially in the amounts contributed to the

nevolent work of our own church. Even after deduct-
g a memorial gift of $1,000 to each of the mission boards
r last year, we find the churches are not quite up to their
rmer standard, which would suggest the importance to
th pastors and elders of keeping this subject constantly
fore the people.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The following ministerial changes are recorded :

Mr. John A. Thurston, candidate, was received from
e Classis of Raritan ; he was ordained and installed pas-
r of the church of New Hurley, June 20th, 1895.

Mr. Charles E. Corwin, candidate, was received from
e Classis of New Brunswick ; he was ordained and in-
alled pastor of the church of Cuddebackville, June 25th,
95.

Mr. J. Frederic Berg, candidate, was received from
e South Classis of Long Island ; he was ordained and
stalled pastor of the church of Montgomery, July 2d,
95.

The Rev. Herman C. Berg, D.D., was received from
e South Classis of Long Island ; he was installed pastor
the church of Ellenville, September 18th, 1895.

The Rev. Frederick W. Ruhl was received from the
ssis of Montgomery ; he was installed pastor of the
rches of Grahamsville and Unionville, November 6th,
95.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. H. A. Hen-
ckson and the church of Ellenville was dissolved
gust 22d, 1895. Mr. Hendrickson remains a member
the Classis.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. D. T. Harris
d the church of Mamakating was dissolved October 15th,
95. Mr. Harris remains a member of the Classis.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. A. Vennema
d the church of Deerpark, was dissolved December 9th,
95. Mr. Vennema was dismissed to the Classis of
ramus.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. George W.
arlet and the church of New Hurley, having been dis-

solved March 1st, 1895, Mr. Scarlet was dismissed to the Classis of Illinois, April 6th, 1896.

J. L. STILLWELL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would report as follows:

After much anxious waiting and urgent pleading, reports have at last been received from all the churches. Generally speaking, the work of the year has been most encouraging. Several of the churches have enjoyed a large ingathering of souls, while others, less favored, have striven to deepen the spiritual life already begun.

There has been a gain of nineteen families, and though the accessions by far exceeded those of many previous years, the deaths and dismissals were so numerous as to leave a net gain in the list of members of only fifty-four. Your committee note with pleasure the large number of infants baptized during the year—it is an encouraging sign. Only three of the churches report the number of Catechumens and only two seem to be caring for the baptized non-communicants. The loss of one hundred and thirty in the number of Sunday-school scholars is accounted for by the fact that several of the schools have, for good reasons no doubt, been turned into Christian Endeavor societies, of whose membership our statistical tables take no account.

In the light of the widespread financial depression it is quite refreshing to mark the liberality of the churches, both in meeting the needs of their own organizations and in seeking to meet the claims of a growing work and a widening charity. The gifts for denominational objects were almost $400 in excess of last year's; those for "other objects" more than $1,000, and those for congregational purposes a little over $1,100 in advance of last year. All of which shows that it is not the wish of this Classis that the Lord's work should suffer for lack of funds.

Let us now turn from the statistical tables to the remarks which accompany the same.

The First Church of Poughkeepsie reports that "peace and concord have been uninterrupted. The accession to the Church on confession of faith is the largest we have had for many years; for which we render hearty thanksgiving to God. There is every indication that the spiritual interest still continues, and we look forward with hope and prayer for still further accessions in the near future."

The Second Church of Poughkeepsie also rejoices in unusually large additions to the church membership "both by confession and by letter. The various activities of the church have flourished about as usual." Notwithstanding the large losses by death and dismissal, "the net gain in membership is nearly ten per cent."

At Fishkill, "all the usual agencies of the church have been in active operation during the year. The attendance at the services has been most encouraging. The Week of Prayer was followed by three weeks of special evangelistic effort, which we are led to believe, was productive of great good, both in awakening a religious interest among the unconcerned and in deepening the spiritual life of the church members. Our offerings to benevolence are somewhat in excess of those of last year."

Hopewell says that "the past year has been one of mingled joy and sorrow to the congregation. Taking all things into consideration, we have much, very much, for which to be thankful. The Lord has been good and gracious to us in many ways. To Him be all the glory."

New Hackensack.—"The past year has been one of steady work. Although all the services have been well sustained, and at times a deep spiritual interest has been manifested, yet the additions to the church have not been large. Still we confidently believe the Lord's work does not languish. While we thank God for the work done and the money contributed, we look forward with the prayer that the harvest of the coming year may be greater than that of this year."

The Rhinebeck Church, while reporting the church harmonious, and the services regularly maintained and well attended, regrets "to be compelled to report so few accessions to the church membership and so small an amount of benevolent contributions." The weekly lecture, the Christian Endeavor Prayer Meeting and the Sunday-school hold their own interest and efficiency.

The Church of Fishkill-on-Hudson has "enjoyed a year of peace and harmony. Last November the church celebrated with unanimity and heartiness the twenty-fifth anniversary of the settlement of their pastor. All the various organizations of the church have been actively engaged. We have already commenced alterations and improvements upon our house of worship. We trust that these improvements will enable us to exert an increased influence on our community for good."

While the church at *Hyde Park* has enjoyed no special prosperity during the past year, "everything has gone along regularly and pleasantly. The benevolence of the church has increased, and along this line the young people show interest. We hope on, and pray on, believing the precious teaching that 'in due season we shall reap if we faint not.'"

Glenham comes with the good news that "the past year has been one of continued and increasing interest in all the regular services and work of the church." The Sunday-school is growing, the Christian Endeavor Society is active and earnest, and the benevolent contributions show that the people are willing to give as well as to receive. A new parsonage has also been erected during the year.

The Consistory of the Church at *Cold Spring* does not report much progress, as the church is still without a settled pastor. The pulpit has been supplied since last summer by the Rev. H. H. Shook, and the weekly meeting has been maintained by the members. Owing to the death of several liberal contributors, the expenses have exceeded the receipts by $112. Still, the church hopes, with the help of God, to be able to report progress next year.

Millbrook.—"The Lord of Hosts is with us. Our numbers, though lessened by removals and death, have been equally increased by additions by confession of faith. We have reason to rejoice for many blessings received and look hopefully toward another year."

MINISTERIAL CHANGES

On May 20th, 1895, Licentiate Winfred R. Ackert was dismissed to the Classis of Bergen. On February 24th, 1896, the Rev. Abram Mattice was dismissed to the Classis of Passaic.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. E. DICKHAUT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

Your Committee on the State of Religion, respectfully reports as follows:

Up to the hour of the meeting of Classis, reports have been received from only eight of the sixteen churches, whereat the committee is disposed to complain. Because of the delay thus occasioned, we have been deprived of the pleasure of listening to the interesting discussions of the morning, and at best cannot present a satisfactory report.

It is evident, from the reports received, that most of our churches are more than holding their own, while some are enthusiastic over their strong, onward march and healthy growth. First, Tarrytown, rejoicing as a strong man to run a race, is an inspiration to all. Yonkers is open to congratulations on the completion of her magnificent temple of worship; and Mount Vernon, on the completion of a beautiful parsonage. We rejoice with Park Hill in her vigor of youth and her enthusiasm, bordering on a state of revival; and we as heartily sympathize with those who are bearing their burdens without the inspiration of large success.

From the comparison of totals, between this and previous years, we notice a carelessness on the part of several of the churches in the preparation of statistical tables.

We would recommend that the attention of Consistories, and particularly in churches whose pulpits are vacant, be earnestly called to the importance of carefully preparing their reports.

We notice a falling off in the number of families, and in the number of catechumens. In every other respect there has been a gratifying increase.

Belmont feels the keen disappointment of being unable to sustain a prayer meeting. On the other hand, five were received, on April 5th, upon confession of their faith, and one by letter. The Sunday-school, in actual attendance, is quite double what it was a year ago. The congregations are better, and people are inquiring the way of salvation.

Bronxville makes no report beyond filling out the statistical table, and indicating a prevailing spirit of liberality.

Cortlandtown.—No report.

Fordham.—Statistical report only.

Greenburgh says: "The last year has been one of quiet, but steady spiritual growth with us. We have organized more effectively for church work. A very successful Junior Society of Christian Endeavor has been inaugurated in addition to our Senior Society, and affords tokens of very great hope. The Sunday-school is in a good and flourishing condition. Our congregations were never larger than they have been during the past year, and our people were never more interested in the affairs of the church. Four new members were added to our number, two by confession and two by certificate. Our contributions for denominational objects have been larger this year than any previous year, and they included all the boards of the church. Ours is, at least for the present, decidedly mission ground. We need help and sympathy. The aid extended to us through the Domestic Board is absolutely needed and very gratefully

received. The fruits of our labor, though yet dormant, will, no doubt, be made manifest in the not far-off future. Recognizing, with profound gratitude, God's tender mercies and loving kindnesess in the past, we continue praying: Save now, we beseech Thee, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech Thee, send now prosperity!"

Greenville says: "The year has been one of quiet work. The services of the church have been well attended generally, and a new interest has been awakened among the people, while quite a number of young men have professed their faith in Jesus, which gives us great hope as to the future. Our Sabbath-school is in better condition than for several years. We are praying that God will bless our little Zion abundantly more than we can think or ask."

Hastings presents nothing more than a partial statistical table.

The German Reformed Church of Melrose, as in previous years, is still struggling and battling against many hardships, and, although we are not making great and marked progress, still we are gaining and growing. One deplorable condition of things in our church is the great lack of spiritual life among so many who would be the leaders of the people. As a proof for the above, I would refer the brethren to the column for collections for boards and benevolent objects. I have preached, begged, implored that something be done, but alas; all in vain. All would but point to our own needs and great expenses, and reply, "Charity *first* at home." We have introduced English services once a month. Result very good.

Mount Vernon reports a year marked by harmony and prosperity. No communion has passed without accession to the membership of the church. By confession and certificate, seventeen members have been received into the church. While our loss by death and removal has been severe, we believe we are advancing all along the line;

especially do we notice an increase in the benevolent spirit and contributions of the church. A beautiful parsonage has been erected on the church property, and is now occupied by the pastor's family.

Park Hill.—The past year has been marked by prosperity. Our organization has been unified, and a net gain of fifty per cent. added to our numerical strength. A Junior Christian Endeavor Society has sprung up within the year, and is already bearing rich fruit. A Men's League, devoted to the study of social problems in the light of the Bible, has been added to our effective force. This society has taken especial interest in providing attractive music for the evening services. Our offerings have been liberal, and our denominational devotion hearty.

Peekskill remarks: "We have nothing special to report. The year was one of harmony and union; of uninterrupted labor; of success in some ways; of discouragements in other ways. The financial stress has been severely felt and is being felt still. But in spite of this the church was supported by the free-will offerings of the people, many of whom gave generously of their poverty. Our Young People's Societies have been a great help to us. The Sunday-school is doing very well. The prospects for this church are good."

First Tarrytown says: "We gratefully record another year of prosperity. By confession and certificate we have received twenty-eight. Deducting the number who have died and been dismissed to other churches, we have made a net gain of nineteen. Our Sunday-school is full to overflowing, and our two Christian Endeavor Societies are in a prosperous condition. Our contributions for congregational purposes are larger than ever before. The special reason for this is the repairs which we have made on the interior of our church at a cost of $3,500. At the same time this extra demand has not lessened our gifts for benevolence which are considerably in excess of those of the year previous. The outlook for usefulness is cheering as we begin the new year."

Second Tarrytown presents a statistical report which shows excellent progress. We heartily congratulate the church and its young pastor upon the encouraging situation.

Unionville.—Statistical report only.

West Farms.—Partial statistical table only.

Yonkers says: "Our special mission of the past three years has been to bring into being a new house of worship with full equipment for effective work in our important field. During our building period, regular church movements have been cramped, and numerical growth has been retarded. Money giving has been so strongly directed to a specialty that contributions to church boards and benevolent objects have fallen to a low point. Since we entered the new church, audiences have doubled, income has come up to running expenses, and every working prospect has become bright. We are full of gratitude to our Lord for what He has done for us; but our conditions are so new, and so much unfinished business is still upon us, that we wait till another year to report adequately on the new departure we have taken."

MINISTERIAL CHANGES

have taken place as follows: Rev. Joseph Gaston was received from the Presbytery of Pueblo, Synod of Colorado, October 15th, 1895, and installed pastor of the Belmont Church, October 31st, 1895. Rev. Joseph D. Peters was received April 21st, 1896, from the Classis of Gettysburg, Reformed Church in the United States, and accepted a call from the church at West Farms on the same date. Pastoral relations were dissolved between Rev. F. M. Bogardus and the Cortlandtown church, October 15th, 1895; Rev. James A. Norris and the Hastings church, April 21st, 1896; Rev. James Jongeneel and the Unionville church, April 21th, 1896; Rev. L. Curry Andrew and the West Farms Church, October 25th, 1895. Rev. James Bolton was received April 21st, 1896, from the Classis of Philadelphia. Address, Ricefield, N. J.

FRANK S. SCUDDER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS: Received														CLASS				CONTRIBUTIONS: Benevolent								FOR PARTICULARS REFERRED	
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Vellamur	Abraham Mead	284	10	30	31	3	1	30	24	15	130	110	11	3	00	10	0	0						10	4	0		
Arcot	F. C. Scudder, Jr	45	10	10	21	2	1	10	8		100	2	1	4	00				10	0	5			10	4	0	Arpi	
Arcondal	"	10	2	5	4	1	1	5	1		50	0	1	4	00													
Mattavambadi	"	21	5	1	8	1		10	1		10	10	1	3	00				14	4	4			4	4	0		
Velambi	"	15	4	1	4	1		10	1		12	1	1	4	00				4	10	0			4	4	0		
Chittoor	J. Visvanatham, [illegible]	60	6	40	6		1	100	15	15	100		1	4	00									4	4	0	Chittoor	
Kottapalli	Benjamin Thomas, [illegible]	65		5	8			18	6		100	120	2	4	00	30	15	0						60	16	1		
Madanapalle	I. B. Chamberlain P. Scott J. Scott	101	3	14	24		1	131	11	1	200		1	4	00	60	11	4	14	6	0			101	3	10	Madanapalle	
Palmaner		70			10		1	61	6		6		1	4	00	00	1	0	0	0				14	4	0	Palmaner	
Vellore	A. Maellamani	94	5	6	14		1	100	1	1	144	10	1	4	00	100	1	0						14	4	0	Vellore	
Kandiputtur	Isaac Lazar	121	1	0	11		1	130	10	1	141	100	1	4	00	00	4	0						10	4	0	Kalgudi	
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Gnanodiam	Moses Nathaniel	60	0	5	4	1	1	100	11	1	100	00	1	4	00				55	4	11			14	4	0	Gnanodiam	
Sattambadi	"	31		1	1	1	1	61	1	1	100	00	1	4	00				50	4	4			10	4	0		
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Kolapakam	" "	63	30	0	11	1	1	100	12	50	11	00	1	4	00	17	0	0						14	4	0	"	
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Other Ministers. Rev. John Scudder and Rev. J. Chamberlain in America.

Licentiates. S. Santosham, J. Selvam, S. Chetlam, Elias Nathaniel, N. Jothayakam, Meshach Peter, John Wilkins, J. M. Scondram, David Mani, Cegha

Whitehead [illegible] A. Solomon, J. Daniel.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.												Benevolent.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects. *	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First, Claverack	George H. Burrill	119	10	3	2	0	5	252	5	5	...	100	*5	285	$ 566.26	$ 92.21	$1,473.49	Claverack, Col. Co., N. Y.
Gallatin	Benjamin A. Bartholf	68	1	3	2	0	5	101	3	0	....	....	1	60	68.12	14.75	682.00	Mt. Ross, Dutchess Co., "
Germantown	Chalmers P. Dyke	108	1	4	1	0	9	134	5	1	....	190	1	220	50.00	30.00	1,127.00	Germantown, Col. Co., "
Greenport	Edward T. Corwin	80	4	6	3	0	2	143	3	2	....	40	2	125	143.50	13.30	1,300.00	Greendale, " "
Hudson	Ferdinand S. Schenck	270	12	4	7	0	7	443	4	4	....	200	1	260	1,052.40	488.22	4,337.38	Hudson, " "
Linlithgo	Jonah W. Vaughan (s.c.)	77	12	5	2	0	4	198	2	2	43	40	1	110	180.00	59.00	1,360.00	Livingston, " "
Livingston at Linlithgo	Frederick K. Schlid	72	24	6	3	2	2	97	14	15	..	....	2	188	43.54	23.72	968.85	Linlithgo, " "
Mellenville	David M. Hunter	106	18	2	2	0	1	211	5	10	38	..	1	165	187.29	12.75	1,321.76	Mellenville, " "
Philmont	F. V. Van Vranken	121	41	14	2	0	2	245	11	22	..	150	1	230	819.00	103.00	1,387.00	Philmont, " "
Upper Red Hook	George D. Lydecker	60	2	0	3	0	1	144	2	1	....	60	1	70	386.08	28.20	1,200.00	Up. Red H'k, Dutch. Co., "
West Copake	Philip Furbeck	78	7	1	3	0	1	136	6	4	....	....	1	180	113.97	2.00	1,022.98	West Copake, Col. Co., "
	Total	1159	132	48	30	2	39	2104	60	56	81	780	17	1893	$3,613.16	$867.15	$16,080.44	

Other Ministers.—Mortimer Smith, Germantown, N. Y.

*Four are Union Schools.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Bloomingdale	Joseph Millett	140	13	4	2	0	3	227	30	2	....	125	1	325	$ 59.00	$ 10.00	$ 800.00	Whiteport, N. Y.
The Clove	Herman Hageman (s. c.)	160	16	7	6	2	0	335	14	1	280	100	3	375	538 00	221.00	1,752.00	High Falls, "
Dashville Falls	Vacant	20	0	0	0	0	1	68	1	0	17	25	1	30	1.16	.....	228.35	Rifton Glen, "
Gardiner	Edward Niles	78	17	8	0	0	2	111	7	9	26	115	1	115	170.84	12.70	1,561.06	Gardiner, "
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher	70	12	0	1	0	1	89	3	2	95	63	2	115	46.00	75.25	750.00	Libertyville, "
Hurley	Vacant	65	4	0	6	0	2	*167	4	0	34	0	1	113	263 29	3.50	840.00	Hurley, "
Kingston, Fair St.	Chandler A. Oakes	204	37	25	6	0	3	*345	8	5	....	320	1	320	277.53	165.00	4,100.00	Kingston, "
Krumville	Supplied, ‡	25	2	0	1	0	1	40	3	0	....	12	1	76	.....	.....	150.00	Krumville, "
Lyonsville	Supplied, †	42	10	0	1	0	3	100	7	5	....	....	1	70	5.70	.....	362.00	Kripplebush, "
Marbletown	George Davis	93	10	4	7	0	3	181	0	5	....	....	2	90	168.06	.....	906.00	Stone Ridge, "
Marbletown, North	George Davis (s. s.)	50	4	3	0	0	3	76	6	1	....	....	2	70	40.03	3.00	209.75	Stone Ridge, "
New Paltz	E. C. Oggel	262	22	12	10	0	11	532	14	6	430	100	7	560	590.00	320.00	2,317.00	New Paltz, "
Rochester	John L. McNair	135	6	2	2	0	7	197	1	3	....	....	5	417	149.31	52.89	1,062.86	Accord, "
Rosendale	William Coombe	166	14	2	3	0	2	297	3	8	....	....	2	316	.....	.....	1,723.00	Rosendale, "
St. Remy	Joseph Millett	60	7	5	6	0	3	120	8	2	....	....	1	112	25.66	2.00	525.00	Whiteport, "
	Total	1590	174	72	51	2	44	2885	109	49	882	860	31	3104	$2,334.58	$865.34	$17,286.02	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Paul T. Deyo, Krumville, N. Y.; Rev. James Cantine, Missionary; Rev. Samuel T. Searle, New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. Jas. R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, N. Y.

Candidates.—Licentiate, Eugene H. Keator, Rosendale, N. Y.

* Revised. † By E. H. Keator, Licentiate.

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Jamaica	Edgar Tilton, Jr	190	8	11	6	...	5	358	12	1	....	125	2	315	$ 751	$205	$5,065	Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.
Newtown	Charles K. Clearwater	110	7	1	0	0	3	200	8	1	....	....	2	381	365	25	3,885	Elmhurst " "
Oyster Bay	John H. Smock	85	3	2	1	...	1	149	.	1	....	....	1	85	233	6	1,099	Glen Head, " "
North Hempstead	Alfred Duncombe	66	3	0	1	0	1	138	1	2	....	25	2	150	208	17	2,120	Manhasset, " "
Williamsburg	Joseph T. Duryea	100	14	19	9	0	4	300	4	1	....	....	1	335	173	137	964	Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Astoria	Daniel Van Pelt	134	1	0	5	0	2	173	5	0	....	35	1	175	508	145	3,225	80 Remsen St., Astoria, L. I.
Flushing	James Demarest	115	4	5	3	0	2	267	1	0	....	60	2	306	651	126	5,204	234 Amity St., Flushing, "
Kent Street, Brooklyn	Lewis Francis	196	10	9	26	...	3	416	17	3	....	....	2	976	1572	42	5,921	143 Noble St, Brooklyn, N.Y.
South Bushwick	George D. Hulst	200	21	7	15	0	4	*461	29	5	....	....	1	1145	293	128	4,138	15 Himrod St., " "
Second, Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	100	15	1	1	...	7	286	80	...	....	15	1	250	126	270	1,366	520 Second Ave., Astoria, L.I.
East Williamsburg	Vacant *	19	...	...	...	...	...	36	...	...	....	....	1	190	.....	.....	784	
Queens	James S. N. Demarest	73	2	6	0	0	3	121	6	0	....	75	1	170	366	93	2,050	Queens, L. I., N. Y.
German Ev., Brooklyn	John C. Guenther	300	7	0	5	0	28	337	165	1	....	98	2	825	.....	.....	.....	56 Union Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Sayville	John Hoffman	60	4	...	2	...	1	106	14	..	....	30	1	130	57	14	818	West Sayville, L. I. "
Locust Valley	John H. Smock	30	1	1	...	...	...	54	1	1	....	....	1	83	96	.....	915	Glen Head, " "
College Point	John Baumeister	110	3	...	...	...	1	143	16	...	....	136	1	148	530	158	2,187	College Point, " "
First, L. I. City	Alexander Shaw	59	4	1	3	0	2	* 86	15	0	....	110	1	140	122	15	778	102 Academy St., L. I. City.
Bushwick	Vacant	32	12	0	8	0	3	195	19	3	..	....	1	510	.....	.....	900	Brooklyn, N. Y.
German Ev., Jamaica	Franz Hartig	56	12	0	0	0	14	150	47	0	....	9	1	110	36	33	1,314	Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.
Hicksville	Ernest Gutweiler	80	3	3	3	0	1	73	7	...	100	100	1	100	13	.....	890	Hicksville, " "
2d, Newtown (German)	Frederic W. Hock	49	6	1	2	0	3	96	9	0	21	2	1	67	24	.....	1,281	Newtown, " "
Steinway	Uriah D. Gulick (s. s.)	35	3	5	0	0	2	61	5	0	....	....	1	395	586	.....	1,743	Steinway, L. I. City.
Church of Jesus, Bklyn	August Guenther	68	12	2	...	...	2	99	40	...	40	22	1	240	20	10	1,200	11 Stanhope St., B'klyn, N.Y.
New Hyde Park	Vacant *	23	...	...	...	...	...	40	...	...	....	....	1	250	.....	.....	700	New Hyde Park, L. I., N. Y.
	Total	2290	155	74	90	0	92	4345	501	19	161	842	30	7276	$6,730	$1,424	$48,547	

Other Ministers.—E. R. Atwater, 131 Clymer Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. H. Ten Eyck, D. D. (s. c.), 159 West 93d Street, New York City; Alexander S. Van Dyck, 193 St. James' Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Robert H. Barr, Ph.D., Newburgh, N. Y.; M. V. Schoonmaker, D. D., Westchester, Penn.; W. R. Gordon, D.D., Manhasset, L. I.; Augustus W. Mills, Charles S. Wyckoff, Woodhaven, L. I.

Licentiate.—Hermon H. Shook, 99 Nassau Street, New York City.

* Last Year's Report. ‡ Revised List.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.												Benevolent.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First Reformed	James M. Farrar	320	28	52	18	0	4	696	35	8	....	....	2	1209	$1,905 66	3,366 16	.....	1st Ref'd Church, B'klyn, N. Y.
Flatbush	Cornelius L. Wells	138	3	12	5	0	7	†430	12	0	230	150	1	430	2,357	2,080	....	900 Flatbush Av., " "
Grace Chapel	William H. Boocock	100	5	9	7	0	0	....	5	0	....	....	1	196	113	.....	....	Flatbush Station, " "
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	100	7	15	5	0	5	317	5	2	....	75	2	500	1,329 95	75	$3,977 31	7920 18th Ave., " "
Gravesend	Peter V. Van Buskirk	120	7	2	1	0	6	248	12	0	....	130	3	350	626 77	227 53	4.712	Gravesend, " "
Flatlands	John S. Gardner (s. c.)	83	9	0	5	0	4	179	9	1	75	100	2	260	600 20	295 65	3,253 23	Flatlands, " "
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	80	21	1	2	0	2	227	9	1	....	50	1	475	*3,647 37	290	2,400	New Lots Ave., " "
East New York	James M. Dickson	150	27	17	3	0	3	263	12	5	....	....	1	419	521 05	1,305 90	3,560	53 Vermont St., " "
South Brooklyn	Vacant	165	15	9	8	0	1	314	14	0	112	180	1	400	466 29	175 62	3,637 27	
Twelfth Street	John E. Lloyd	340	30	15	6	0	4	802	20	10	300	500	1	1350	252 12	247 76	7,226 63	806 Carroll St., " "
North Reformed	T. Calvin McClelland	121	6	8	17	0	2	200	5	0	..	....	1	205	106 38	8 37	2,429 19	182 Clermont Ave., " "
Church-on-the-Heights	J. Douglas Adam	125	2	12	12	0	6	210	0	1	....	....	1	52	1,480	3,500	8,300	45 Monroe Pl., " "
Bethany Chapel	Cornelius E. Wyckoff	90	9	2	7	0	0	163	8	1	....	150	1	475	194	281	1,480	365 State St., " "
New Brooklyn	Fred. C. Erhardt	135	37	0	2	0	3	332	101	1	...	15	1	260	104	64	2,055	1062 Herkimer St., " "
Second Flatbush	Louis Goebel	40	3	0	0	0	0	....	....	..	....	2	1	85	32	.....	1,012	E. B'way, Flatbush, " "
Canarsie	John Ficken	23	...	...	...	..	1	86	13	0	10	3	1	70	100	40	1,819	Canarsie, " "
Bedford	William D. Perry, (s. s.)	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	163 Wash'gton Park, " "
St. Thomas, W. I	.....	132	0	0	0	0	6	100	3	0	....	50	1	60	11 33	... .	....	
Ocean Hill	A. Messler Quick, (s.s.)	60	4	0	12	0	1	165	2	1	....	60	1	200	15	45	1,012 30	56 Seventh Ave., " "
Edgewood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams	40	2	12	1	0	1	79	4	0	24	0	1	200	80	35	1,350	Blythebourne, " "
Ridgewood	Jacob Weber, (s. s.)	50	9	4	0	0	0	33	1	0	0	0	1	175	5	0	360	21 Patchen Ave., " "
Greenwood Heights	A. P. Stockwell, (s. s.)	37	14	8	3	0	1	65	12	0	0	0	1	105	27 03	19 30	297 40	145 Berkeley Place, " "
	Total	2228	212	180	97	0	55	4846	278	31	751	1465	26	7271	$13,611 39	12,047 92	$46,481 84	

Other Ministers.—Daniel Rapalje, Amoy, China; John Mason Ferris, Flatbush, L. I.; David S. Sutphen, Bloomfield, N. J.; Uriah D. Gulick, Steinway, L. I. City; D. N. Vanderveer, Greenport, L. I.; Walter T. Griffin, Limoges, France; Edwin F. See, Y. M. C. A., 502 Fulton St., Brooklyn; J. L. Zabriskie, Flatbush, L. I.; W. R. Davis, 6 East 34th St., N. Y.; A. DeWitt Mason, 25 East 22d St, N. Y.; H. T. Jones, Bergen Point, Bayonne, N. J.

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77th St. & West End Av.	Henry E. Cobb.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	.	...		.....	.....	.....	....	270 W. End Ave., N. Y. City.
48th St. and Fifth Av...	Edward B. Coe.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 W. 52d St., " "
	J. M. Farr, Jr., Asst..	....	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	101 W. 85th St., " "
29th St. and Fifth Av.	David J. Burrell.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	248 W. 75th St., " "
	Alfred E. Meyers, Asst.	....	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	309 W. 70th St., " "
	John Lewis Clark, "	2043	138	123	42	..	29	2742	73	18	....	...	8	3265	$20,270 52	$26,506 06	.....	1248 Madison Ave., " "
7th St. and 2d Av.....	John G. Fagg.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	....	50 7th St., " "
University Heights.....	....	....	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	
North Church Chapel .	....	....	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Thirty-fourth St.....	Kenneth F. Junor....	....	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	323 W. 28th St., " "
Knox Memorial Chapel.	William Vaughan.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	514 Ninth Ave., " "
Vermilye Chapel.....	Arch. H. Bradshaw...	....	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Harlem Collegiate....	Joachim Elmendorf...	500	93	79	68	1	16	1535	43	20	....	400	2	1751	5,905 00	1,461 84	.....	35 Mt. Morris Ave., " "
	William J. Harsha ...																	269 Lenox Ave., " "
South	Roderick Terry.....	236	12	6	1	...	1	252	4	...	154	36	2	230	9,235 00	2,375 00	$12,000 00	169 Madison Ave., " "
Manor Chapel (South)...	James Palmer.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	216 W. 25th St., " "
Staten Island.....	Alfred H. Demarest.....	160	10	9	7	...	11	355	12	2	....	200	2	500	854 56	233 68	4,064 31	Port Richmond, S. I.
Bloomingdale	Madison C. Peters.....	275	49	46	6	...	3	325	30	16	150	20	2	600	100 00	2,500 00	12,500 00	Broadway & 68th St., N.Y.City.

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Madison Avenue	Abbott E. Kittredge	305	69	45	30	...	12	1196	23	10	....	1249	2	1371	$4,652 38	13.561 58	$25,528 29	711 Park Ave., N. Y. City.
German Evang. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	60	17	...	6	...	8	225	41	2	....	20	2	300	555 00	631 13	1,082 40	78 2d St., " "
Huguenot		...	...	...	3	...	...	31	2	...	....	...	1	50	32 47	.....	456 90	Sea Side, S. I.
Mott Haven	G. Edwin Talmage	91	24	9	5	...	6	180	19	3	120	150	2	426	329 64	92 80	.....	590 E. 146th St., N. Y. City.
Union, High Bridge	Henry M. Cox	130	11	7	3	...	2	195	12	3	81	169	1	304	1,041 98	294 48	4,446 16	Brewer Ave., H. B., " "
Fourth, German	John H. Oerter	130	30	...	2	...	2	396	30	...	216	120	1	280	375 84	170 37	2,385 49	2 8 W. 40th St., " "
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	31	...	...	2	...	...	80	.	...	....	75	1	153	60 00	75 00	419 74	7 E. 92d St., " "
Holland	Vacant	19	...	3	..	...	...	49	2	...	20	....	....	....	.....	.....	200 42	279 W. 11th St., " "
Avenue B, German	Jacob Schlegel	146	32	1	6	...	6	608	80	...	..	1	1	575	190 00	759 75	4,100 00	602 5th St., " "
Brighton Heights	Thomas O. Lowe	100	19	3	15	...	8	230	3	3	....	....	2	365	452 00	100 00	4,260 00	New Brighton, S I.
Union	Vacant	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	
Norfolk St., German	Charles Schlegel, †	75	6	...	19	1	3	...	29	1	....	6	1	60	.....	.....	.....	147 Norfolk St., N. Y. City.
Kreischerville, St. Peters	Jacob Ganss	150	25	...	5	..	10	125	12	2	12	12	2	150	.....	.....	.....	Kreischerville, S. I.
German Ev. Yorkville		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	
Grace	Joseph R. Duryee	225	21	5	3	1	6	254	16	2	....	..	1	250	237 00	574 00	4,665 00	139 E. 36th St., N. Y. City.
Hamilton Grange	Charles B. Chapin	*150	22	14	18	...	4	*255	13	3	....	....	1	400	351 62	54 14	3,357 92	419 W. 145th St., " "
Church of the Comforter	Henry V. S. Myers (s. c.)	24	2	5	...	...	...	37	3	1	14	7	1	108	44 81	.....	690 79	919 Morris Ave., " "
	Total	4850	570	355	241	3	127	9070	447	86	767	2465	36	11138	44,687 82	48,389 83	$80,157 42	

Other Ministers.—Leonard W. Kip, Amoy, China; C. H. H. Wolff, E. Rothesay Miller, Yokohama, Japan; Walter Laidlaw, 415 West 56th St., New York City; W. W. Clark, Caldwell, N. J.; Hasbrouck Du Bois, High Bridge, New York City; Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; G. H. Mandeville, 16 E. 126th St., New York City; A. J. Park, Huntington, Conn.; E. A. Reed, Holyoke, Mass.; A. G. Vermilye, Englewood, N. J.; Wm. Westerfield, 63 Convent Ave., New York City.

Candidates.—M. G. Schwartz, 65 Avenue A, New York City; E. J. Runk, 37 W. 49th St., New York City; H. L. Fransen, 18 Commerce St., N. Y. City.

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Berea	Edward V. V. Searle	46	2	...	1	...	3	103	2	1	19	30	1	86	$ 78	$ 2	$ 910	Walden,	N.Y.
Bloomingburgh	John L. Stillwell	80	4	2	1	0	3	118	4	2	....	35	1	100	122	12	859	Bloomingburgh,	"
Callicoon	Henry Unglaub	62	7	...	...	...	4	150	11	...	....	15	1	150	11	10	675	Callicoon,	"
Claraville	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	Grahamsville,	"
Cuddebackville	Charles E. Corwin	53	9	3	2	0	1	* 90	1	7	1	35	1	77	71	26	719	Cuddebackville,	"
Deerpark	Vacant	255	57	10	21	2	5	490	13	29	216	100	5	621	771	426	4,415	Port Jervis,	"
Ellenville	Herman C. Berg	170	11	8	1	0	2	301	6	5	....	....	1	300	343	150	2,200	Ellenville,	"
Fallsburgh	Benj. T. Statesir	80	6	5	...	...	2	114	3	5	....	....	3	221	216	5	685	Woodbourne,	"
Grahamsville	Frederick W. Ruhl	36	7	0	1	...	1	91	...	7	....	....	1	72	20	.....	178	Grahamsville,	"
Kerhonkson	C. Van Oostenbrugge	50	39	3	5	..	1	* 75	12	14	....	....	1	100	1	5	450	Kerhonkson,	"
Mamakating	Vacant	54	2	0	1	0	2	99	0	2	....	50	1	70	.....	.....	828	Wurtsboro,	"
Minnisink	Gilbert Lane. †	60	2	..	2	...	...	70	1	1	....	...	2	88	.....	.....	.....	Montague,	N.J.
Montgomery	J. Frederic Berg	172	12	4	3	...	8	425	5	5	....	106	3	153	585	53	2,028	Montgomery,	N.Y.
Newburgh	Robert H. Beattie	189	2	7	5	0	5	288	1	1	....	140	1	175	384	172	3,264	Newburgh,	"
New Hurley	John A. Thurston	100	12	1	7	...	3	155	3	4	....	53	2	70	57	.....	1,035	New Hurley,	"
New Prospect	Edwin O. Moffett	113	30	...	2	1	1	220	3	13	....	170	1	170	278	80	1,234	Pine Bush,	"
Port Jervis, Second	David T. Harris (s. s.)	30	8	15	...	...	...	23	1	7	7	....	1	30	.....	.....	206	Port Jervis,	"
Shawangunk	Joseph Dixon	95	15	3	5	...	6	194	6	5	....	62	4	189	132	55	1,240	Bruynswick,	"
Unionville	F. W. Ruhl	12	.	...	...	...	1	18	...	...	....	....	1	35	3	.....	13	Grahamsville,	"
Walden	W. H. S. Demarest (s. c.)	170	11	5	5	...	7	366	13	6	....	250	1	250	604	123	2,382	Walden,	"
Wallkill Valley	Marion T. Conklin	100	12	6	5	...	...	193	5	6	....	....	1	185	276	123	1,636	Walkill,	"
Walpack Upper	Wm. G. Myles	80	12	5	2	...	2	92	2	7	....	...	2	.....	31	.....	358		
Walpack Lower	Charles H. Whittaker	72	5	1	2	...	2	135	2	2	....	....	2	100	64	.....	750	Bushkill,	Pa.
Warwarsing	C. Van Oostenbrugge	45	1	2	4	...	...	44	...	..	....	....	1	80	15	3	800	Napanoch,	N.Y.
	Total	2124	257	80	75	3	57	3835	94	129	243	1046	38	2277	$3,962	$1,265	$26,915		

Other Ministers.—James E. Bernart, Chester, N. Y.; John T. Demarest, D.D., New Brunswick, N. J.; Gilbert S. Garretsen, Dingman's Ferry, Pa.; Hendrick A. Hendrickson, Ellenville, N. Y.; Samuel W. Mills, Port Jervis, N. Y.

Candidate.—Auguste M. Giddon.

* Revised.

† Died April 27th, 1896.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.												Benevolent.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First, Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson (s. c.)	200	38	3	7	...	14	561	9	6	....	....	1	300	$1,921 99	$2,796 49	$4,344 91	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Second, Poughkeepsie	Wm. Bancroft Hill	160	35	21	10	...	11	407	7	16	...	....	1	186	1,664	1,136	4,584	Poughkeepsie, "
Fishkill	Benj. E. Dickhaut	104	10	8	...	...	1	228	1	4	....	69	1	100	384	102	2,009	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	Ernest Clapp	91	3	...	1	...	3	189	...	1	....	...	3	175	184 84	35	1,202 57	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	Wm. A. Dumont	88	3	...	5	...	2	177	...	3	....	...	†4	130	355 73	91 62	840 00	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	J. Howard Suydam	112	2	2	..	...	...	200	7	...	....	....	1	120	356 86	68 76	1,679 54	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	Charles W. Fritts	130	9	5	2	...	3	332	7	4	....	....	1	180	550 95	100 85	3,875 68	Fishkill on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	J. Ferguson Harris	60	5	2	2	...	2	95	6	1	.....	.....	1	70	558 04	109 50	1,228 58	Hyde Park-on-Hudson, "
Glenham	Wm. V. D. Strong	42	2	...	3	...	3	79	...	1	....	43	1	52	27 52	7 25	353 36	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Vacant	20	2	...	4	...	...	40	6	...	7	12	1	35	13 22	.....	504 32	
Millbrook	J. Edward Lyall	103	10	...	9	...	1	189	13	6	89	....	3	190	410 51	.....	1,856 55	Millbrook, "
	Total.	1110	119	41	43	...	40	2497	56	42	96	124	18	1538	$6,427 66	$4,447 47	$22,478 51	

Other Ministers —Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, 25 E. 22d St., New York City, N. Y.; Rev. F. F. Wilson, Asbury Park, N. J.; Rev Philip W. Pitcher, Amoy, China.

† Three are Union Schools.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C.C. & S.S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.												Benevolent.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Belmont	Joseph Gaston	26	7	1	...	...	2	43	10	...	....	....	1	115	$ 2	$ 5 30	$ 1,248 51	Belmont, New York City.
Bronxville	J. Hendrik de Vries(s.c.)	35	2	2	...	...	...	70	2	...	....	....	1	84	645 66	118 69	1,850 95	Bronxville, Westchester Co.,
Cortlandtown	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	Montrose, N. Y. [N. Y.
Fordham	Joseph M. Hodson	108	15	17	11	...	1	205	12	4	....	....	1	150	778 43	179 48	4,945 86	Fordham, New York City.
Greenburgh	G. A. T. Goebel	40	2	2	...	2	1	42	2	1	...	....	1	70	31 11	.....	584 67	Elmsford, Westchester Co.,
Greenville	Joseph A. Harper	43	7	1	...	...	...	67	1	..	....	....	1	44	45 16	.....	709 15	Scarsdale, N. Y. [N.Y.
Hastings-on-Hudson	Vacant	....	4	....	....	....	....	75	1	3	4	97	1	109	.....	.....	.....	Hastings, N. Y.
Melrose	George H. Miller	120	13	0	5	...	2	209	76	1	51	28	1	430	10 35	13 50	2,253 64	748 Elton Ave., N. Y. City.
Mt. Vernon	Frank S. Scudder	113	9	8	6	...	4	200	3	2	....	115	2	160	864 73	79 88	3,337 60	Mt. Vernon, N.Y.
Park Hill	William P. Bruce	70	10	25	4	...	1	93	3	2	33	40	1	140	202	20	2,250	Yonkers, N.Y.
Peekskill	Henry de Vries	120	6	5	2	1	1	174	15	4	61	30	1	120	114	27	1,860	Peeekskill, N.Y.
First, Tarrytown	John K. Allen	130	14	14	5	...	4	315	4	5	....	....	1	275	1,074 00	866	6,885	Tarrytown, N.Y.
Second, Tarrytown	Arthur F. Mabon	74	11	13	10	...	4	164	1	5	24	....	1	125	267 20	23 16	2,824	" "
Unionville	Vacant	50	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	22	....	1	70	29 22	4	810	Neperan, "
West Farms	Joseph D. Peters. *	25	..	..	1	...	...	24	1	...	40	....	1	90	29	8	795	1295 Woodruff Ave., N.Y.City.
Yonkers	David Cole.	165	7	10	7	0	4	425	24	3	120	75	1	257	390 67	114 55	13,713 68	Yonkers, N.Y.
	Total	1119	107	88	51	3	24	2186	155	30	355	385	16	2239	$4,483 53	$1,459 56	$44,068 06	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Jno. A. Todd, Rev. Geo. Rockwell, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Rev. Wm. Brush, Morristown, N. J.; Rev. W. W. Rand, Am. Tract. Soc., 23d St., New York City; Rev. Howard Harris, Japan Foreign Mission; Rev. Wm. S. Moore, Neperan, N. Y.; Rev. J. Henry Bertholf, Yonkers, N. Y.; Rev. James Bolton, Ricefield, N. J.; Henry J. Bogardus, M.D., Jersey City, N. J.

* To be installed Friday June 12, '96.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

For the Year Ending May 1, 1896.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total Baptized Non-Communicants.	C.C. & S.S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.
				Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	Number of S. S.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Arcot	24	16	1819	135	256	257	41	35	2073	242	98	2519	1717	123	4291	$ 346	$ 172	$ 886	Rev. John H. Wyckoff.
Hudson	11	12	1159	132	48	30	2	39	2104	60	56	81	780	17	1893	3,613	867	16,080	Rev. Jonah W. Vaughan.
Kingston	15	13	1590	174	72	51	2	44	2883	109	49	882	860	31	3104	2,334	865	17,286	Rev. Herman Hageman.
North Long Island	24	28	2290	155	74	90	0	92	4345	501	19	161	842	30	7476	6,730	1,424	48,547	Rev. William H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island	22	31	2228	212	180	97	0	55	4846	278	31	751	1465	26	7271	13,611	12,047	46 451	Rev. John S. Gardner.
New York	23	41	4850	570	355	241	3	127	9070	447	86	707	2465	36	11138	44,687	48,389	80,157	Rev. Henry V. S. Myers.
Orange	24	24	2124	257	80	75	3	57	3835	94	126	243	1046	33	3277	3,962	1,265	26,915	Rev. W. H. S. Demarest.
Poughkeepsie	11	14	1110	119	41	43	....	40	2497	56	42	96	124	18	1538	6,427	4,447	22,478	Rev. A. P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	16	22	1119	107	88	51	3	24	2186	155	30	355	385	16	2239	4,483	1,459	44,068	Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries.
Total	170	201	18289	1861	1194	935	54	513	33839	1942	537	5855	9684	335	42027	$86,193	$80.935	$302,868	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes, reported by sub-committees, on the minutes of each Classis, as follows, and the reports were severally accepted and adopted.

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Hudson, respectfully report that they find them correctly kept.

As it regards the second constitutional question, there are six noes and five yeas.

S. T. SEARLE, *Chairman.*
J. H. LANT.

Classis of Kingston.—Your Committee have examined the records of the Classis of Kingston, and find them in order and well kept.

DAVID M. HUNTER.
C. C. MORE.

North Classis of Long Island.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the North Classis of Long Island, would respectfully report that they have examined the minutes, and have found them correct.

N. S. KING.

South Classis of Long Island.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the South Classis of Long Island, would respectfully report that they have been found to be in order.

J. S. N. DEMAREST.

Classis of New York.—Your Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of New York, do report that we have examined the said minutes, and find them in order.

T. CALVIN McCLELLAND.
J. G. MILLER.

Classis of Orange.—The Minutes of the Classis of Orange have been examined by your Committee, and found correct. We would also express our commendation to the Rev. Mr. Demarest, the S. C. of Classis, for the neatness with which they are kept.

G. A. T. GOEBEL, *Chairman.*

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Your Committee have examined the Minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie, and found them in order. To the constitutional questions Nos. 1, 4, 5, 6, all the churches are recorded as having answered in the affirmative, but to question No. 2, only three, and to question No. 7, only one. Seven of these churches specify the Boards which receive no contributions, and all seven report no contributions to the Board of Publication. No excuses or explanations are recorded for these negative answers.

E. V. V. SEARLE.
J. McCARTNEY.

Classis of Westchester.—Minutes of Westchester in order.

JAMES M. DICKSON,
JOHN L. RYDER.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Secretary of the Board of Education was present, and addressed the Synod.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to by the Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon, after the organization, was passed in devotional exercises, led by the Vice-President.

The first half-hour of Wednesday morning session was also spent in devotional exercises, led by the President.

The communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the evening of the first day, immediately after the Synodical sermon. The form was read by the President of Synod. The bread was administered by the Rev. John Scudder, and the cup by the Rev. James M. Dickson. The distribution of the bread was made by the Elders S. H. Durland, Francis Bacon, H. B. Rosa and Francis Elting; and that of the cup by the Elders N. S. King, J. L. Ryder, W. P. Howell and H. B. Rosa.

The Bar of the House was defined.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of Arrangements be appointed, of which the pastor of the church shall be a member, to fix the hours of meeting and adjourment, during this session of Synod; to select those who are to assist in conducting the religious exercises, and to appoint the time for the reading of the papers and the hearing of the representatives of the boards.

The President appointed as such committee, the Revs. David Cole and James S. N. Demarest, and Elder N. S. King.

In accordance with their report, as accepted and adopted, the services were conducted on Tuesday evening as recorded; the representatives of the boards and the readers of the papers were heard as recorded, and the sessions began and adjourned at fixed hours.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. David Cole, D.D., extended a very cordial welcome to the Synod in behalf of the Consistory and himself. In the course of his remarks, he reminded Synod of some interesting historical circumstances connected with previous meetings of Synod in their church. Four times since the reorganization of the Particular Synods, this Synod has met in Yonkers. The Vice-President replied to the address of welcome, and voiced the satisfaction of Synod in assembling in the beautiful new edifice so recently completed.

The Rev. D. Sage Mackay, D.D., was heard in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions; and the Rev. A. De W. Mason addressed Synod in the interest of the *Mission Field* and of the Christian Endeavor Missionary League, during the hour for devotional exercises on Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. Cornelius Brett, D.D., was heard on behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions at the Wednesday morning session. The Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, being present, was invited to present the greetings and claims of that Board at the same session.

Elder John C. Giffing read a paper on "The Apostolic Commission in its Relation to Conditions existing at the Present Day," and the Rev. David J. Burrell read a paper on "The Relation between Church and State," at the Wednesday morning session.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations be requested to select persons for reading papers at the next regular meeting of the Synod.

The committee reported as such persons, the Rev. Joseph T. Duryea, D.D., with the Rev. William J. Harsha, D.D., as *Secundus*, and Elder John S. Bussing, with Elder F. B. Schenck as *Secundus*; the subjects to be selected by themselves. The Synod accepted and adopted the report as to these nominations.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a committee of two ministers and one elder be appointed by this Synod to consider the whole question of the more general circulation of our denominational missionary periodicals among the families of our congregations, and to devise and apply such methods as they may deem advisable for the attainment of this object. Such committee to report the result of their consultations and efforts to the next annual session of the Particular Synod.

This motion was referred to the Committee on Nominations, who recommended that the following be such committee: Revs. J. Elmendorf, D.D., and J. G. Fagg, and Elder John S. Bussing. These persons were accordingly appointed such committee.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to procure the printing of the usual number of copies (450) of the Minutes of this session of Synod.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be returned to the Pastors and Consistories and families of the Reformed Churches at Yonkers, to the choir of the First Reformed Church, to the ladies who have so royally ministered to our wants, and to the sexton of the First Church for the care that has been had for the comfort and the furtherance of the work of this Particular Synod.

ARTICLE XX

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer presented the following account, which was referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Account, and their report, which was accepted and adopted, is as follows.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts would report that the Treasurer's Accounts have been referred to it, that these accounts, with the vouchers, have been examined and found correct, and that there is a balance due the Synod of one hundred and seventy-five dollars and thirty-three cents ($175.33).

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID J. BURRELL.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Treasurer*.

1895. **Dr.**

May 14.	To Cash—	Paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for stationery and postage	$3 86
	"	Paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for traveling expenses to and from Fishkill	3 18
	"	Paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for Doorkeeper at Fishkill	5 00
	"	Paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for expenses of reader of "paper"	2 58
	"	Paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for classical blanks, etc., furnished Classis of Arcot,	1 03
" 27.	"	Paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for salary as Stated Clerk	100 00
Oct. 21.	"	Paid Board of Publication R. C. A. for 450 Copies Minutes of 1895	151 00
			$266 65
1896.			
May 4.	"	Balance due Synod to new account	175 33
			$441 89

1895. **Cr.**

May 6.	By Cash—	Balance from old account	$81 98
July 1.	"	From Rev. J. R. Duryea, D.D., Treasurer Classis of New York	65 00
Oct. 7.	"	From R. M. Shepard, Esq., Treasurer Classis of Hudson	26 00
" 10.	"	From Rev. Herman Hagaman, Treasurer, Classis of Kingston	37 00
" 22.	"	From Rev. John S. Gardner, Treasurer, South Classis of Long Island	55 00
" 29.	"	From Rev. George W. Scarlet, Treasurer, Classis of Orange	54 00
Dec. 21.	"	From Nathan S. King, M.D., Treasurer, Classis of Westchester	36 00
1896.			
Jan. 17.	"	From Herman H. Shook, Esq., Treasurer, North Classis of Long Island	59 00
Mch. 26.	"	From Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, Treasurer, Classis of Poughkeepsie	28 00
			$360 00
			$441 98

E. E., NEW YORK, May 4th, 1896.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER,
Treasurer.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Arcot.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M.D., D.D.,
Rev. John Scudder, M D., Elder Henry J. Scudder.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Philip Furbeck,	Elder J. W. Scott,
" George D. Lydecker,	" Peter F. Potts,
" Benjamin A. Barthoff.	" George E. Vosburgh.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Mortimer Smith,	Elder Horace Finger,
" Jonah W. Vaughan,	" Joseph Shutts,
" Ferd. S. Schenck, D.D.	" T. Gemmel.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. George Davis,	Elder Richard Roosa,
" William Coombs,	" S. O. Merihew,
" Chandler A. Oakes.	" Wm. H. Fredenburgh.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Edward Niles,	Elder A. Bucannen,
" Calvin E. Lasher,	" Charles Clearwater,
" Herman Hageman.	" J. L. Snyder.

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Charles K. Clearwater,	Elder B. T. Boerem,
" Daniel Van Pelt,	" L. Allen Pitcher,
" John C. Guenther,	" Louis Py,
" Ernest Gutweiler.	" Andrew Wallmuller.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Lewis Francis,	Elder William Boyd,
" James Demarest, D.D.,	" W. H. D. Nimmo,
" John Baumeister,	" Walter Greenough,
" John Hoffman.	" Nicholas Vanderburgh

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. James M. Farrar, D.D.,	Elder Chas. L. Rickerson,
" William H. Boocock,	" Richard Young,
" John E. Lloyd,	" C. K. Buckley,
" J. Douglas Adam.	" William C. Spellman.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.,	Elder John L. Ryder,
" Jacob Weber,	" J. H. Lant,
" Alfred H. Brush,	" P. L. Cortelyou,
" H. M. Quick.	" David Hopkins.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Roderick Terry, D.D.,	Elder J. S. Anderson,
" J. Elmendorf, D.D.,	" Peter Donald,
" Julius W. Geyer, D.D.,	" William H. Jackson,
" David J. Burrell, D.D.	" L. H. Beers.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Charles B. Chapin, D.D.,	Elder Edgar Vanderbilt,
" Thomas O. Lowe,	" Samuel Coles,
" John G. Fagg,	" J. D. Shipman,
" A. E. Kittredge, D.D.	" Abram Ayres.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Edwin O. Moffett,	Elder C. B. Martin,
" Marion T. Conklin,	" J. C. Evans,
" Joseph Dixon,	" Clark Decker,
" Robert H. Beattie.	" L. A. Matthis.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Charles N. Whittaker,	Elder Albert Knight,
" James E. Bernart,	" R. D. Clark,
" Gilbert D. Garretson,	" Frank Stoll,
" Henry Unglaub.	" George Weyrance.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. Ferguson Harris,	Elder Miles Scofield,
" Wm. V. D. Strong,	" Wesley J. Miller,
" Henry N. Cobb, D.D.	" A. B. Van Wyck.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D.D.,	Elder H. C. Sprague,
" Chas. S. Hageman, D.D.,	" Benson Van Vliet,
" Ernest Clapp.	" Benjamin Hammond.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII

Rev. Henry de Vries,	Elder V. Meyers,
" Frank S. Scudder,	" W. Stonebridge.
" David Cole, D.D.	" R. B. Ferris.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Joseph Gaston,	Elder H. S. Seeley,
" Joseph A. Harper,	" W. F. Minnerly,
" James Bolton.	" N. B. Hunter.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in Annual Session in the Reformed Church of Jamaica, L. I., on the first Tuesday of May, 1897, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, the roll was called and the Synod adjourned after prayer, and the pronouncing of the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

Signed,

F. S. SCHENCK, *President.*
JNO. SCUDDER, *Vice-President.*

EDGAR TILTON, JR., }
FRANK S. SCUDDER, } *Temporary Clerks.*

DANIEL VAN PELT, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF THIS SYNOD SINCE THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTICULAR SYNODS, 1870–1895.

1870—Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D..... ...Yonkers.
1871—Rev. Goyn Talmage.....Flushing.
1872—Rev. E. P. Rodgers, D.D..... .....Rhinebeck.
1873—Rev. John A. Todd, D.D.....Tarrytown (1st).
1874—Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D.....Poughkeepsie (2d).
1875—Rev. John McC. Holmes, D.D.....Brooklyn (1st).
1876—Rev. David Inglis, D.D.....Port Jervis.
1877—Rev. Joachim Elmendorf.....Yonkers.
1878—Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D.D.....Newburgh.
1879—Rev. Charles I. Shepard.....Greenpoint.
1880—Rev. William Ormiston, D.D.....Mount Vernon.
1881—Rev. David Cole, D.D .....Montgomery.
1882—Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck .....Jamaica, L. I.
1883—Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D... ...Brighton Heights, S. I.
1884—Rev. David N. Vanderveer.....New York (South).
1885—Rev. Herman C. Berg..... .Yonkers.
1886—Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.....Newburgh.
1887 Rev Jacob Chamberlain, D.D , M.D..Claverack
1888—Rev. William H. Gleason, D.D .....Kingston.
1889—Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D .. . .Poughkeepsie (1st).
1890—Rev. Lewis Francis.... ....N. Y. City (48th St. Col.)
1891—Rev. James Demarest D.D.....Tarrytown (1st).
1892—Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye, D.D.....Brooklyn (South Bushwick).
1893—Rev. John L. McNair..... .....N. Y. City (Bloomingdale).
1894—Rev. Ame Vennema..... .....New Utrecht, L. I.
1895—Rev. Charles W. Fritts, D.D.....Fishkill, N. Y.
1896—Rev Ferdinand S. Schenck, D.D.....Yonkers, N. Y.

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THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE REFORMED CHURCH OF JAMAICA, L. I., ON TUESDAY, THE 4TH OF MAY, 1897, AT 3 O'CLOCK, P. M., AND ADJOURNED AT 3:25 O'CLOCK, P. M., OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE SESSION.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by the retiring President, the Rev. Ferdinand S. Schenck, who also preached the Synodical sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from Psalm xx: 5, "In the name of our God we will set up our banners."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.—

Classis of Hudson.—*Ministers*—Edward T. Corwin, D.D., Chalmers P. Dyke. *Elders*—J. W. Scott, Thomas Miller, William Coon.

Classis of Kingston.—Ministers—Joseph Millet, George Davis. *Elders*—J. W. Gardiner, W. H. Fredenbergh.

North Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—Alexander Shaw, Edgar Tilton, Jr., Alfred Duncombe, Daniel Van Pelt, D.D. *Elders*—Thomas S. Payntar, A. J. Van Sicklen, James S. Burroughs.

South Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—Cornelius L. Wells, D.D., Nicholas Pearse. *Elders*—W. H. Allgeo, J. V. Van Pelt, L. Vreeland.

Classis of New York.—Ministers—Charles B. Chapin, D. D., Thomas O. Lowe, Henry M. Cox. *Elders*—G. Beekman, (first day), J. D. Shipman, J. S. Anderson, (second day), W. F. Layton, A. V. W. Van Vechter, on first day for J. S. Anderson, on second day for G. Beekman.

Classis of Orange.—Ministers—J. F. Berg, Ph.D., Herman C. Berg, D.D. *Elders*—H. C. Smith, M. D.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Ministers—J. Howard Suydam, D.D., Ernest Clapp, William V. D. Strong. *Elders*—Gurdon Swift, E. A. Briggs.

Classis of Westchester.—Ministers—David Cole, D.D., George H. Miller, Henry de Vries, Joseph A. Harper. *Elders*—A. W. Newman.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. Cornelius E. Wells was elected President, and the Rev. Edward T. Corwin, Vice-President. The Revs. Alfred Duncombe and Ernest Clapp were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST.

The minutes of the session of 1896 were read from the printed record of them, and the same was approved. The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were the Standing Committees:

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.—*Ministers*—Herman C. Berg, Nicholas Pearse, Alexander Shaw. *Elders*—J. W. Scott, J. W. Gardiner, Thomas S. Payntar.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.—*Arcot*— ——— ——— *Hudson.*—Rev. H. M. Cox. *Elder*—A. V. W. Van Vechten. *Kingston.*—Rev. C. B. Chapin. *Elder*—J. V. Van Pelt. *North Long Island.*—Rev. Geo. Davis. *Elder*—E. A. Briggs. *South Long Island.*—Rev. W. V. D. Strong. *Elder*—Wm. Coon. *New York.*—Rev. H. C. Berg. *Elder*—W. H. Allgeo. *Orange.*—Rev. Alex. Shaw. *Elder*—A. W. Newman. *Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. T. O. Lowe. *Elder*—J. D. Shipman. *Wectchester.*—Rev. J. F. Berg. *Elder*—W. F. Layton.

ON CLASSICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.—*Ministers*—Henry M. Cox, J. F. Berg, Geo. H. Miller *Elders*—J. V. Van Pelt, J. D. Shipman, Gurdon Swift.

ON THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.—*Ministers*—Thos. O. Lowe, George Davis, Joseph A. Harper. *Elders*—A. V. W. Van Vechten, William H. Allgeo, William Coon.

ON OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—*Ministers*—Edward T. Corwin, Nicholas Pearse, Edgar Tilton, Jr. *Elders*—A. J. Van Sicklen, James S. Burroughs, H. C. Smith.

ON NOMINATIONS.—*Ministers*—David Cole, J. H. Suydam, Chas. B. Chapin. *Elders*—Thomas Miller, E. A. Briggs, R. Homberger.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, informing Synod that the Board had appointed the Rev. M. H. Hulton, D.D., the President of the Board, as its representative at this session of the Synod, and asking that a hearing be given him on Wednesday morning.

Referred to Committee of Arrangements.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, stating that the Rev. W. H. Vroom had been appointed to present its cause at this session of Synod.

Referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

A communication was received from the Rev. Charles W. Fritts, D.D., extending on the part of the Consistory of the Reformed Church of Fishkill-on-Hudson, N. Y., an invitation to this Synod to meet in their church at the next annual session in 1898.

On motion it was, *Resolved*, to accept the invitation with thanks.

A communication was received from the Consistory of the Reformed Church of Belmont, New York City, petitioning Synod to transfer the Church from the Classis of Westchester to the Classis of New York.

Referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

A communication was received from the Stated Clerk of the Classis of Kingston, furnishing a copy of a resolution of Classis which was appealed from, and attesting that the Rev. Joseph Millett was appointed commissioner to represent the Classis in this case at this meeting of the Synod.

A communication was received from the President of the Classis of Kingston, enclosing the notice of the appeal aforesaid with the reasons therefor.

These papers were referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

A communication was received from the Rev. W. H. Vroom, the representative accredited by the Board of Domestic Missions, asking that time for hearing him be given him at the Wednesday morning session.

Referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

A communication was received from the Rev. W. W. Schomp, corresponding delegate from the Particular Synod, of Albany, to this Synod, conveying the fraternal salutations from his Synod.

Referred to Committee on Synodical Minutes.

Papers were received from the Stated Clerk of the Classis of New York, and from the Consistory of the Holland Reformed Church of New York City, in the case of an appeal from an action of said Classis.

Referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

An overture was received from the Rev. Edward J. Runk, of the Classis of New York, on the subject of the consolidation of the Classes covering the territory of Greater New York.

Referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

A communication was received on the second day of the session from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, stating that the Rev. M. H. Hutton was prevented from coming before Synod to present the cause of the Board, and that the Rev. C. L. Wells had been requested to act in his place.

Referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to report there has been placed in our hands the Printed Minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of

Albany, Chicago, New Brunswick and New York. Your Committee found in them nothing requiring the notice of Synod at this time. H. C. BERG, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick, were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A communication was received from the Rev. W. W. Schomp, corresponding delegate from the Particular Synod of Albany to this Synod, conveying fraternal salutations from his Synod to this body. It was referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes, who recommended "that the letter be preserved in our archives, and the fraternal greetings of our brothers on behalf of the Particular Synod of Albany be heartily reciprocated."

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on Classical Reports on the State of Religion reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Classical Reports on the State of Religion beg leave to report as follows :

The reports of the several Classes have been carefully examined, and reveal on the whole a condition of affairs which is altogether hopeful and encouraging. In spite of the financial stress under which many of our churches have been laboring during the past year, substantial gains have been made in nearly every department of their work. Contributions to denominational benevolence have increased from $86,193 to $94,694, and for congregational

purposes, from $302,868 to $352,028, a total gain of more than $57,000 over the previous year. There has been, however, a falling off in the offerings for miscellaneous benevolence amounting to $19,613, and this is the only indication of any decline whatever in any single department of the Church's work.

In things spiritual, so far as the facts are revealed in the statistical tables, as well as in the verbal reports on the State of Religion, the year has been one of substantial progress. The additions to the Churches on confession of faith have been 2,062, and on certificate, 1,462, making a total of 3,524, a net gain of 2,082 over the number reported a year ago.

It is a significant fact, and in marked contrast with the statements made in the last report on the State of Religion, that these gains have been most conspicuous in our city churches, rather than in those of the rural districts, the Classis of New York alone contributing more than 1,300 to the number of accessions, while the Classes of Long Island have been strengthened by the addition of upwards of 900 members.

The only Classis in which there has been any apparent decline in numerical strength is the Clasis of Orange, which reports but 1,920 families and a total membership of 3,706, as compared with 2,124 families and 3,835 members a year ago.

These figures, however, are so largely offset by the progress which has been made in other directions, that we have the most abundant cause for gratitude to the great Head of the Church for the blessings which have attended the faithful labors of His servants. The revival spirit has manifested itself to a limited extent in some quarters, but the results gained have come, for the most part, through the ordinary and well-tried methods of church work, the wisdom of which has been fully demonstrated by the results which have been accomplished.

The tabular statements, and reports of the individual churches are herewith presented.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY M. COX, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

To the triune God of our salvation, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, do we lift up our hearts in gratitude for the tokens of His grace and presence with that branch of His Church universal represented by the Classis of Arcot. To His gracious and divine leading alone can we ascribe the success that has attended our work during the past year. That there has been notable success in every department is shown by a study of the classical reports.

Numerical Growth.—The year 1895 closed with 1,819 families connected with our churches and 2,073 communicants. The year 1896 closes with 125 more families, or a total of 1,944. During the year the Holy Spirit has led 147 souls to openly confess their faith in Christ and enter into full fellowship. For this token of His love we praise Him. In addition to this, 207 were received on certificate from other churches; 9 who had been suspended, on showing contrition were restored, making a total gain of 363. But to offset this we find the following: 255 were sent to other churches. Satan entered into the hearts of some, and it was necessary to use the pruning knife. In all 52 were suspended. May God bless to all such their discipline, and speedily restore them to paths of righteousness and to His fold. During the year the Lord has taken to Himself 36 who had witnessed a good confession. The losses then amount to 343. The net gain is 20 communicants. This appears as 19, because last year, through mistake, the name of a native pastor was shown among the communicants of his church. It has been removed. *Growth is further shown* in this, that the parents of 239 children consecrated their little ones to God in the rites of baptism. All are children of promise; may they grow up to be active members of our churches. One hundred and ten adults also have taken the name of the Lord in baptism. The total numbers of baptized members of our churches is 3,497, a gain of 336.

Again, it is encouraging to note that 482 renounced heathenism and placed themselves under Christian instruction, bringing the total number of catechumens up to 2,356.

The total number connected with our congregations is 7,945, a gain of 432. We thank God that He has graciously induced so many to accept His truth.

The instruction of the young has not been neglected. One hundred and forty-three Sunday-schools have been conducted, into which 4,809 children have been gathered and instructed in Christian truth. Of these children it is interesting to note that more than half, or 2,941, are now Christians. These figures also show an advance, viz., of 20 schools and 518 children. *But perhaps that which*, more than all else, shows real growth in the church, is the great advance in the contribution of the people towards the support of their own pastors. The contribution for congregational purposes show an advance of Rs. 477. 10. 8 over last year, the amount given being Rs. 2,324. 1. 3. The contribution for denominational objects show a slight falling off of Rs. 22. But the net gain over last year amounts to practically Rs. 455. This is all the more remarkable, since it has taken place in a year when famine has threatened, and there has been much suffering. That God is awakening His people to the rich blessing of giving, is a cause for profound thankfulness.

The advance thus far noted has been most encouraging, and calls for profound thanksgiving and praise to God. During the year two graduates from the Theological Seminary were ordained pastors.

John Zesuratnam Soudi was called to become the pastor of the Chittoor Church. The action of this church in resolving to support their pastor without pecuniary aid from the Mission is another important advance towards the self-support of the native Church. And it is most gratifying to note that under the stimulus of this responsibility the contributions of this church have advanced from Rs. 59. 5. 5. to Rs. 333. 8. 3., of which Rs. 249. 0. 6. was given for congregational objects. The pastor-elect having accepted the call, we are thankful to record a second church entirely dependent on native contributions. The Kothapalli church extended a call to Benjamin Thomas to become their pastor. As this church felt that they were not able to assume the full support of their pastor,

the Mission has voted to contribute Rs. 5 per month towards his support. This sum is much less than that usually given. Hence this is also another step towards the self-support of the native Church. The pastor has bravely accepted the pastorate on these conditions, and has entered upon his duties. The great importance of these two steps in hastening the day when the churches of the Arcot Mission shall be self-supporting cannot be over-estimated

Another interesting event in the same direction is the fact that Rev. Abraham Muni has received from the mission for the year, under review, but Rs. 4 per month. The rest of his support has come from native contributions entirely. All of these events, together with the increased contributions throughout the mission, show that never before in the history of our Arcot Classis has there been such signal advance towards a self-supporting independent church. The increase of the native pastors from 9 to 11, the largest number recorded in our Classis, calls for profound thanksgiving. We praise God for these tokens of His presence with us.

Christian Festivals have been held this year in three centers, with great profit. That these are peculiarly adapted to build up and strengthen our church, seems proved without doubt. In stimulating liberality, in quickening zeal, in incouraging the weak and faint hearted, in inspiring all with enthusiam, these meetings have been powerful factors. It is urged that special attention be paid to making these festivals more of an aid to deepening the spiritual life of the village Christians, and in stimulating them to greater liberality.

Again this year, and perhaps more than ever before the Christian Worker's Conference, proved to be a powerful spiritual stimulus to our churches. It is a most encouraging sign of the times that the greatest help was derived from the powerful and stimulating addresses of the native evangelist, Mr. V. David. May many more men like him be raised up from the native church to hasten the coming of the Master's Kingdom. That there has been a deeper interest in and more faithful study of

the Bible as a result of these meetings, there can be no doubt. And who can estimate the results of one such influence in deepening the spiritual life of our churches.

The Christian Endeavor Societies have also continued to exert a powerful influence for good where they have been established. The committee would call the special attention of all members of Classis to this organization as one peculiarly adapted to the needs of our churches.

The committee would also call the attention of the members of Classis to the provisions of the Christian Marriage Act, and urge on all the necessity of the greatest care in carrying out the provisions of the Act. The low moral conception of marriage prevalent among the people should be met by teaching them the high standard of the Word of God. They should also be shown the serious consequences that follow infringement of the law. It is to be regretted that the growing disregard for the law and for the protests of those who were in authority, made it necessary to bring complaints against a few who had broken the law. There seemed to be no other way to inspire a respect for the law. Doubtless people will hereafter be much more careful. The losses that have taken place in local congregations in consequence of these prosecutions are wonderful to contemplate. But doubtless, the local losses will be over balanced by the gain to our churches. Let us give ourselves to the task of creating a higher moral tone among our people that will make such events impossible.

Death has been busy during the year, claiming some who have labored long and faithfully for the Master. Among those who have been called to their reward are John Abraham, catechist, Samuel Tredwell, assistant catechist, Jared Paul Ramaraf, Teachers Lamiaveradu and T. Isaac and the faithful Bible woman of Vellore, Guanameebamammal. We trust that the Head of the church will raise up many to take the vacant places.

On the 31st of January, Rev. Ezekial Carmon Scudder, M.D.,D.D., passed through death into life, having kept the faith and run the race. Having been connected with the Classis for twenty years from its origin, he was enabled by the grace of God to do an important work in

founding and nurturing many of the churches composing this Classis. "Though dead he yet speaketh."

Your Committee cannot close this report without referring to the severe affliction that one of our ministers, the Rev. A. Massélamani, has been called upon to pass through. Severe and unbearable pain ended in the loss of his leg, leaving him a cripple for life. We extend to him our heartfelt sympathy in this trial, and pray that, like our great Head, he also may be made perfect through sufferings, and be able to do even a greater work for our Lord and His Church.

Notwithstanding these events that have cast a shadow over us, we feel that the year just closed has been the most successful one in the history of this Classis. And we can but close this report with the words of praise that proceed from the mouth of the Redeemed above:

"Unto Him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb, be the blessing and the honor and the glory and the dominion for ever and ever."

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Rev. Henry Huizinga has been received from the Classis of Michigan. Rev. A Masilamoni, Pastor of the Vellore Church, died Jan. 16, '97, after the table had been completed. Further notice of his death will be given hereafter.

LEWIS R. SCUDDER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report—That all the churches have sent their reports to the Chairman of the Committee in time to be tabulated and embodied in our classical report.

Whilst all our churches are in a prosperous and hopeful condition, there is a very general lament, because of the comparatively small number of additions to the membership by conversion. There are only two of our churches that report more than the normal average of

additions, and these are Germantown and Livingston at Linlithgo.

As compared with last year's report, the number of conversions is thirty-eight (38) less, and the number received by certificate is the same. The dismissions and deaths are about the same as last year, leaving the total now in communion two thousand one hundred and ninety (2,190),an increase of eighty-six (86) above the last report. Our Sabbath-schools remain the same in number, with a smaller number of catechumens, and fifty-nine (59) less in total enrollment.

Notwithstanding the financial depression, of which most of our churches speak, the contributions for benevolent and congregational purposes exceed those of the previous year.

Our churches gave, for denominational objects, two hundred and fifty-nine (259) dollars more than the year before, and for other objects one hundred and nineteen (119) dollars more, of which the churches of Hudson and Germantown stand conspicuous for their increase. There has been an increase of about one thousand (1,000) dollars for congregational purposes.

The offerings for Benevolence during the year amount to four thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight (4,858) dollars, an average of four hundred and forty-one (441) dollars for each of the eleven churches. Our churches spent upon themselves for their own congregational purposes, seventeen thousand and sixty-five (17,065) dollars.

As usual, we will let the churches speak somewhat for themselves by brief extracts from their own reports.

Claverack says, "We have lost by death some of our most valued helpers, and for a large part of the year several of our active workers have been absent from us. All the different departments of the church work have been well maintained. We feel that our people are very loyal to the church, and are hoping for more favorable circumstances and better work the coming year."

Gallatin says, "The work of another year is done.

In the light of God's estimate one conversion is a result that is worth all the effort and trouble it may cost. If we do our work well we can afford to leave results with Omnipotence."

Germantown says that there is "Progress all along the line."

Greenport says, "The Gospel has been faithfully preached during the year, but we have not witnessed as great results as we had hoped."

A Christian Endeavor Society has been started in chapel neighborhood, with about fifty members, and a Junior Society is maintained near the church. We trust that the power of the Gospel will in due time be manifested by systematic instruction in the Word, with the divine blessing.

Hudson sends its statistical table, with no accompanying remarks, and is now without a pastor.

Linlithgow, at Livingston, says: "During the past year our church has grown spiritually. All its organizations are in good working order. Our benevolent work has suffered because of financial depression.

Livingston, at Linlithgo, says: "The church is now without a pastor; the prayers of Classis are requested that God may send the right man."

Mellenville says: "The situation in Mellenville has not changed materially since last year. The resourceful spirit of the church has been manifested in extraordinary degree, and thus some good has come to it from the hard times."

Philmont says: "The record of another church year is made, with gratitude to the great Head of the Church for a continuance of His blessings. The rich showers of His grace, in converting souls, did not descend upon us as in the previous year; but we believe the church has grown both spiritually and temporally, and is better qualified for advancing the work of the Redeemer's kingdom."

Upper Red Hook says: "Our church year passes without any special evidences of spiritual enlargement. The people are not running in the way of the Lord, nor serving Him with their whole hearts. There is life, but it lacks energy. There is worship, but it lacks unity. There is Christian beneficence, but it has suffered losses. The secret of pentecostal power seems to have escaped us."

West Copake has been afflicted by the sickness of its pastor, who was laid aside from his work for six weeks, just when the spiritual work of the church was being quickened with new interest. The report speaks of the good work of the classical visitation, and hopes that it will become a settled order of the Classis of Hudson.

Two of our churches are now pastorless, Hudson, and Livingston at Linlithgo, and our prayers should ascend to the great Head of the Church to send unto each of them speedily an under shepherd.

In conclusion, as we look at our churches, it is a matter of great thankfulness to Almighty God that they have weathered the storm of financial distress that has swept over the land during the past year, and have come into port, though not with so rich a cargo of souls as a year ago; yet we have not been straitened in our resources nor cumbered with debts, and by denials and sacrifices have surpassed the previous year in offerings to our benevolent work, and for the maintenance of our own church services. May these fiery trials consume the dross and purify us for the Master's honor and glory.

F. V. VAN VRANKEN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report the following: All the churches have been blessed with the evidences of God's Spirit. Three of them, New Paltz, North Marbletown, and Rochester,

have had large accessions. The contributions for benevolence exceed those of last year by a little more than $300. The number received on confession is larger than the number of last year by forty-eight.

The churches speak substantially as follows :

Bloomingdale.—This church reports prosperity, spiritually and temporally. A steam-heating plant has been placed in the church during the year. The church organization has passed the century line of her existence, and to-day is young and vigorous. They confess they have great reason to "thank God and take courage."

The Clove.—This church says the past year can be characterized as a year of regularity and healthfulness. There has been no special manifestation of the Spirit's power, still, with the exception of one communion, there have been accessions to the church. The church services have all been well attended, and the various agencies for church work have been carried on in a gratifying manner. The church is proud of her financial condition, and has reason to be. No debt, and money in the treasury. Peace and harmony prevail. Death has visited them and removed familiar faces. A large number have been dismissed to other churches owing partly to their system of correspondence with non-resident members. They desire more faith and consecration.

Dashville Falls.—Statistical report only, which is very encouraging.

Gardiner.—The work of this church has been successful, has prospered, and been blessed with a deep religious spirit during the winter, and been strengthened in all the departments of church work. During the year the parsonage has been completed, and is occupied by the pastor. They hope and pray that the Master will bless them more abundantly in the future.

Gulford reports the continuance of perfect harmony

in church life, a continued interest in the preaching of the Gospel, and the usual activity in all the departments of church work. The Lord has been with them and they set up a stone of remembrance. His promises to them are realizing, and this inspires them with sure hope for the future.

Hurley.—Three months of the past year this church has been without a pastor, but God's Word has been preached and prayer meetings held weekly. Catechetical sermons and instruction and recitation in Sunday-school has been given since January. All the services have been well attended, earnest work manifested in the different organizations of the church, resulting in the growth of church membership, improvement of church property, and an increase in contributions.

Kingston, Fair Street.—Regular services have been held throughout the year. The church enjoyed a gracious revival during the winter. The organized work of the young people is a growing feature of strength. Financially, the past year has been the best in its history.

Krumville feels grateful to God that He has remembered them with blessings of love and mercy. Seventeen have been received into the membership of the church. The people are united and earnest in the work. There is a flourishing Sabbath-school, and a large C. E. Society. Earnest prayers are offered that they may be more faithful in the Master's work.

Lyonsville.—Reports statistics only.

Marbletown reports a year of average prosperity, both temporarlly and spiritually. For the first time in several years, its financial year has closed with a settlement in full, without drawing on the income of the year to follow. Church services have been as well, if not better, sustained than in the year previous. While there has been no special interest, there have been additions, and there is a hopeful

outlook for the next communion. The ladies have been active. They have purchased a handsome new chapel. Plans are also in progress for repainting the church edifice, which they hope to accomplish in the near future.

North Marbletown.—The consistory of this church reports a year of gracious reviving. God has helped them with the manifestation of the presence of His Holy Spirit. Special meetings were held during the winter, which, with the work of the year, resulted in the addition of 36 to the membership of the church. Attendances at the church services has increased, and there has been an awakening of interest in the weekly meeting. They feel greatly encouraged, and praise the Lord for His mercy, which endureth forever.

New Paltz.—This church says, God has been with us and blest us. We have been privileged to receive 44 on confession and 16 by letters. This is the result, not of special services, but of the regular preaching of the word, crowned by the Spirit's power. They are hopefully looking for still further results. The various agencies of the church have been sustained. Their prayer is that they may abound more and more in the work of the Lord.

Rochester.—During the "Week of Prayer," unusual seriousness was manifested, and the services were continued for six weeks. There were evidences of the Holy Spirit's presence, which filled the heart of the pastor and the hearts of God's people with thanksgiving and praise. At their last communion, 12 were received on confession of their faith in Christ. A weekly Bible-class was organized in January, a neighborhood prayer meeting on another evening in the week. The usual interest in all the societies of the church has been apparent. There has been a decrease in benevolent contributions, which is deeply regretted, and for which no reason can be given.

Rosendale.—During the past year the special work of

this congregation has been in building a church and parsonage. They have been very successful in their undertaking, though this has somewhat hindered regular church work, but the prospects are bright for the coming year. Since the dedication of the church, the Sunday collections have been larger than ever before. The Junior C. E. S. and Sabbath-school are in excellent health and flourishing. They are all filled with gratitude to God for what He has done for them.

St. Remy.—This church is subject to many changes, incident to the business in which most of the people earn a livelihood. While times have been depressing, they have not been forsaken by their God. Their prayers ascend to Him for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The C. E. S. and Sabbath-school are earnestly working for the salvation of souls.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The licentiate Alfred H. Lehlieder was received from the Classis of Montgomery, and was examined for ordination, and on September 6, 1896, was ordained to the Gospel Ministery, and installed pastor of the church of Hurley.

CALVIN E. LASHER, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG BLAND.

Your Committee on the State of Religion presents the following report:

All the churches except one have forwarded their Consistonal Statements, which are in the main encouraging. "Progress" and "Success" are the terms which may be applied with truth to most of our churches. Some have had large additions to the membership among

which, deserving of special mention, is Bushwick; here the growth has been phenomenal. We have gained one church, that of Sunnyside, Long Island City, being organized July 1st, 1896. We have added two Sabbath-schools to our list, one at Sunnyside and one at Cypress Hills, under the care of South Bushwick.

In comparing our statistical table with that of last year, we note an increase of 202 families and of 339 on the membership roll. Between four and five hundred Sabbath-school scholars have been gained. Our contributions exceed those of last year by $1,300 for benevolence and $6,275 for congregational purposes. Following are the individual reports:

Jamaica reports that the work of the past year has been very encouraging. The church is well organized, and the various societies are earnest and aggressive. All the means of grace have been sustained. The attendance at the Sabbath services has been especially gratifying. There is a net gain of twenty-four in the membership. Benevolent contributions are considerably above those of last year. The church is united, and is, with reason, looking for large growth in the near future.

Newtown has had a year of peace and prosperity. All the departments of church work have maintained their usual efficiency. The Mission at Winfield has had the best year in its history; its congregations are increasing, and its influence is more and more felt in the community. Pastor and people are cheered by the growing promises for the future.

Oyster Bay.—After a pastorate of eighteen years, divided into two periods, the latter covering over thirteen years, the Rev. John H. Smock withdraws on account of failing health. It is with deep reget that the people part with one who has endeared himself to them through faithful, loving service. They are grateful for the service he has rendered, and pray that he may speadily be restored to

health to resume the work he loves. Although the financial stringency has been keenly felt, the church has been able to meet all obligations, and goes forward in the firm belief that the Lord will provide.

North Hempstead.—The report is one of slow but steady progress. The church property has been improved by extensive repairs. A new preaching appointment has been undertaken at Great Neck, and deep interest is manifested there.

Williamsburg.—Comparison with last year's report reveals a large increase in contributions for both congregational and benevolent objects. Credit is given the "Ladies' Aid Association" for its excellent work. The church is steadily advancing.

Astoria.—No report.

Flushing has not been without tokens of the presence of the Lord, although anticipations of a special spiritual baptism, of the coming of which there were some indications, were not realized. A new feature of the Sabbath morning service is the pastor's brief sermon to the children, the result being the attendance of many more of the little people than was formerly the case. The various operations of the church have been carried forward in the usual way.

Kent St., Brooklyn, is doing a splendid work, and maintains the position she has long held as a stanch, benevolent and an aggressive organization. While she complains that her financial ability is yearly being weakened, and her working force lessened by removals to another part of the city, the statistical table she submits shows larger contributions than those of last year, and a gain in families and membership. The Sunday-school building has been repaired and decorated at a cost of $1,500. The Mission work is prospering. The Industrial School and Kitchen Garden have been successfully maintained, and a daily

kindergarten has been introduced this past year. The girls' and boys' clubs have been helpful to a large number of young people. The Junior Endeavor Society has had remarkable success.

South Bushwick reports that the various organizations of the church have been continued with no decreasing interest. Harmony and good feeling prevail. A Mission Sunday-school has been formed at Cyprus Hills, which now has about seventy scholars in attendance.

Second Astoria.—Here services have been well attended, an encouraging evidence of the faithful presentation of the Gospel; and the Sunday-school has grown in numbers. A ladies' missionary society, auxiliary to our Woman's Boards, has been organized. Offerings for denominational objects have increased.

East Williamsburg is still without a pastor, but is supplied by a theological student, who preaches every Sabbath evening. Prayer meetings and the Sunday-school are maintained as usual. An addition to the membership of seventeen "on confession" is an encouraging feature of the report.

Queens rejoices in a spiritual awakening. Evangelistic services were held throughout the month of January, conducted by the pastor and members of the congregation. Christians were aroused; many took part in the meetings; the unconverted came and were interested; and on the first Sabbath in March, besides five "by letter," seventeen were received "on confession," eleven of these being young men. Since then the regular prayer-meetings have grown in numbers and interest.

German Evangelical, Brooklyn, does not consider the outlook bright. The Jewish element predominates, and is increasing to such an extent as to make the future very doubtful. However, the church is doing as well as can be expected, and trusts her efforts may be acceptable to the Great Head.

Sayville.—"The Lord's work is progressing in our midst, whereof we are glad." A spirit of unity prevails. Services are well attended, and a marked interest is manifested in the weekly prayer-meetings.

Locust Valley shares with Oyster Bay the loss sustained by the withdrawal of the Rev. John H. Smock's services on account of ill health. She is also bereaved in the recent death of Mr. Daniel V. Weeks, who, from the organization of the church to the time of his death, held the office of elder. His absence will be deeply felt. Aside from the above facts, the outlook is promising.

College Point celebrated her twenty-fifth anniversary last November, under circumstances which cause her to look hopefully forward. She has met all her financial obligations, and added several hundred dollars to her permanent fund. Spiritually the new year opens encouragingly. There are indications of new additions to the membership.

First Long Island City reports a fair advance, made under trying conditions. The church building has been thoroughly renovated, and is now in excellent condition. Our Missionary Boards have been remembered. "We gratefully record the Divine goodness during another year."

Bushwick is in the midst of a "Revival." She is growing spiritually, numerically and financially. Under the leadership of Mr. W. H. Jackson (S. S) one hundred and fourteen new members have been added "on confession" and three "by letter" during the past year. This is indeed remarkable, and effects such a change in the organization as to place it upon a firm basis. All pressing debts accumulated in years past have been cleared, and future prospects are bright. Owing to the constant increase, it may become necessary to enlarge the church edifice and erect a new Sunday-school building.

"We are glad of the favor of God, who has restored our church to her former glory. By the next meeting of Classis we trust that we shall be able to take equal rank in every branch of our work with the other churches.

German Evangelical, Jamaica, has prospered the past year. The people are united and faithful, and loyally support the pastor in his plans. The Ladies' Societies have greatly assisted in the work. A good addition to the membership roll is reported.

Hicksville has suffered very much during the past year because of the financial depression. Families have been obliged to seek homes elsewhere, in order to obtain employment. Many who remained, were in the direst distress during the cold weather. "It is hoped that relief will soon come through a protective tariff which will give employment to our people interested in the manufacture of gold and silver leaf." Peace has been restored, and the work of the Lord is quietly proceeding.

Second Newtown (*German*).—Good news comes from this Church. Many new members have been received and a Christ-like spirit prevails.

Steinway reports a year of quiet, steady growth. All the departments of church work have been carried on successfully. The services have been well sustained.

The Church of Jesus is looking upward and forward with confidence. Progress is again reported. Seven hundred and fifty dollars have been paid on the debt, which leaves but a small amount to be raised. In a few weeks the church building will be improved. Services well attended and the Sunday-school growing.

New Hyde Park presents statistics without remarks.

Sunnyside, L. I. City.—The youngest church of Classis was organized about nine months ago, and is beginning work under favorable auspices. At present, services are

being held in a house not far from the church which, it is hoped, will shortly be completed. An encouraging feature of the work is the presence at the services of many young men. Mr. D. P. Doyle, who expects to be ordained shortly, has the work in charge.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The following ministerial changes have taken place:

On April 21, '96, the pastoral relation between the Rev. Frederick W. Hock and the Second Newtown (German) church was dissolved, and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Newark, N. J. Mr. August G. F. Bender, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Newark, N. J., was received and examined for ordination, June 15, '96, and on July 9, '96 was ordained and installed as pastor of the Second Newtown (German) church.

The Rev. Alexander S. Van Dyck was dismissed to the Classis of New Brunswick, December 7, '96.

The Rev. Augustus W. Mills was dismissed to the Piscataqua Association of the Congregational Church of New Hampshire, March 15, '97, and on the same date the Rev. Charles S. Wyckoff was dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. John H. Smock and the churches of Oyster Bay and Locust Valley was dissolved April 20, '97.

On March 30, '97, the Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, S. T. D., was removed by death. He had reached his eighty-sixth year. In his early ministry he was for five years pastor of the North Hempstead church, and was afterward instrumental in organizing the church of Flushing. He published several works, marked by eminent scholarship. Appropriate resolutions were adopted by the Classis at its Spring meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR TILTON, JR., *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee on the State of Religion respectfully reports that communications from all, save one, of the Churches of Classis have been received, and that with few exceptions they send, besides the Statistical Tables, statements in greater or less detail of their condition. All these congregations have regular ministrations either by settled pastors or by stated supply. The late hour at which most of these reports were received, renders it near an impossibility to give any very complete account of the work of our churches during the year. Enough has been gathered, however, from the records to warrant the conclusion that, under the divine favor, these fields have been productive of much and even abundant fruit; no laborer being left without at least partial reward. In some parts, a generous harvest has been garnered, and the hire of both sower and reaper has been large and gratifying. A new Church, favorably situated and giving promise of growth and power, has been added to the roll of Classis. None has been lost to us, and quite all are in health and vigor, and having made progress, are encouraged to seek still higher and more plentiful good.

First Reformed.—One hundred nembers were received during the year. Sixty-six by profession of faith. The services have been well attended, and a quickening of spiritual life in the members of the church has been apparent. Prayer meetings have been more largely attended than at any other time during the present pastorate of seven years. The interest shown in the old church by the brethren of Classis has been a great help in our work for the Master.

Flatbush.—The regular services of the church and Sunday-school, both in the home church and in Grace Chapel, have been maintained as usual. God has given His blessing in the addition of six new members on confession, and three by certificate, in the home church, and

at Grace Chapel there have been received five additional members on confession, and one by certificate. The Word of God has been faithfully preached, the sacraments duly administered, and all the ordinances of the church observed. The Mission work of the church still remains in charge of the Rev. William H. Boocock, who labors faithfully and acceptably. The church mourns the sudden death of a ruling Elder, Mr. Edgar Bergen.

Grace Chapel.—Every department of the church life has done well the past year. The attendance upon the Sunday services and the various other meetings has been good. The neighborhood is building up and the prospects are that the coming year will be one of marked enlargement, both in attendance and in membership.

The agencies employed in practical and spiritual work are the regular preaching services, pastoral visitation, two weekly prayer-meetings, the Sunday-school, the Y. P. S. C. E., the Ladies' Aid Society, and the monthly distribution of tracts. These agencies have all been efficient. The Sunday-school is in good condition, the number on the roll being 179, and the average attendance 110. Many teachers have adopted the Bible Study Graded Lessons, and report increased interest on the part of the scholars. Though not originally connected with the Chapel, a free kindergarten has been established in its vicinity, and was in session last year from July 1st to the end of December. It has proved to be an important agency for doing a much needed good.

New Utrecht.—The Divine favor has accompanied another year in the efforts made to maintain and advance our church life. Interest has been shown in sustaining services, and in meeting the claims of the individual church, and those of the denomination at large. In the Sunday-school, the Y. P. S. C E., and missionary organizations, much zeal has been manifested, and good results have been reached by well directed and persistent labor through these, and other agencies. Losses have been experienced, in the death of several members, notably that

of Elder Thomas M. Hegeman, long and most intimately associated with this church in all desires and plans to promote the Kingdom of Christ. Though at great sacrifice, it is gratifying that it is has been possible to organize under pleasant conditions, and from our own membership mainly, an already prosperous Reformed Church at Bay Ridge, in this part of the city.

Gravesend.—The year has been an extremely gratifying one. The whole work of the church has been carried forward under marked evidences of the presence of the Holy Spirit. A work of grace has been in progress since the opening of the year, and all the agencies of the church have been heartily supported. The young people have rendered signal service to the Master, and have largely aided the pastor in his efforts. The outlook for the coming year is most promising.

Flatlands.—The year just closed has been to the church of Flatlands one of much encouragement. In the weeks following the first of January, the professed followers of Christ were more alive to the importance of spiritual things than for a long time before, and gracious results for the church issued; a larger number having been added to the membership than for many years previous. We have also gained slightly in the number of our families. Gifts to benevolent objects are smaller than were those of last year, and yet under existing conditions, we are thankful that they are as large as they are. We have suffered by the removal by death of tried and true friends of our church.

New Lots.—The work of the church has been prosecuted during the year with alternating hopes and fears. The prayer-meetings and all the usual services have been maintained. The church is in excellent financial condition. Contributions for benevolence are not so large as at other times, for the reason that the able and willing givers are, on account of death, decreasing, many during the year having thus been removed from our communion. With a

united people, and every equipment for service, we are hopeful for the future.

East New York.—A review of the year calls for expressions of gratitude to God for His continued favor. Though the financial depression of the past few years is still felt, and during the Winter an unusual amount of sickness has been experienced by our people, yet the Sunday and weekly services have been encouragingly attended. The Sunday-school has increased in numbers and efficiency, a "Home Class Department" having been instituted with success. The Lord's Supper is observed every two months, and each Communion season has witnessed some additions to our membership. We hopefully enter on another year.

South Brooklyn.—All the active agencies of the church have been in faithful operation during the entire year. Attendance at the Sabbath and weekly services has been most gratifying. The meetings of the C. E. Society are characterized by deep spiritual earnestness. The Sabbath-school has so increased in numbers that it has been found necessary to remove the older classes into the audience-room of the church. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies have done effective work, and show signs of even greater activity for the future. Looking over all the work of the past year, we feel that the blessing of God has been with us, and we ask your prayers that His Spirit may more completely fill us with His power and grace as we undertake the work that lies before us.

Twelfth Street.—No report, except statistical table.

North Reformed.—During the Summer, regular services were maintained, the Sunday-school and Young People's Societies doing their work as usual. The Rev. Evert Van Slyke, D.D., was induced to come to us as stated supply, and began his labors on the first Sunday in November. Under his ministry most of those who had left us have returned, and new families have come to us

for their church home. The finances of the church are strengthening weekly, and plans are being made for doing more than ever in the way of denominational benevolence. There is a kind spirit of unity pervading the whole organization, with a co-operative fervor coming from the Society of C. E. and the Society of Andrew and Philip, which is very encouraging. Through the work of the latter society, more than a hundred dollars have been expended in repairs on the church, and the re-furnishing of the pastor's study. Plans are projected, and money nearly provided, for the decoration of the lecture-room, while other repairs upon the church are to be undertaken at an early day. The church is in a spiritually healthy condition. Audiences are increasing, and the prayer-meetings and meetings for Bible study are well attended. Grateful to God, and looking hopefully into the future, we wait for the fulfillment of His promises.

Church on the Heights.—No report, except statistical table.

Bethany Chapel.—No report, except statistical table.

New Brooklyn.—The church expresses great gratitude to God for His manifold blessings. Though unable to pay off anything of the church debt, the year closes with a small balance in the treasury. Contributions to the various Boards of the Reformed Church have not been as large as heretofore, but we hope to do better in the future. Attendance upon all services has been large, and the Spirit has manifested His gracious presence whenever the Word has been preached. The Sunday-school has increased, and the catechumens have been regularly instructed, twice a week, in the Heidelberg Catechism, with encouraging results.

Second Flatbush.—The services have been well attended; the membership is increasing, and the Sunday-school is in a very flourishing condition.

Canarsie.—The Church has made progress. Sabbath

services are well attended. The societies of the church are increasing in numbers and in spirituality. During the year, thirteen have been received into the communion of the church.

The Church of St. Thomas regrets that in the last of April it will lose the services of the Rev. Mr. Foster, their stated supply. They hope to have their pulpit filled through the aid of our Classis. The church is not strong, but with some aid, hopes to do well, and is pleasantly located.

Ocean Hill.—While there are but few conversions to report, yet there have been many evidences of the work of the Holy Spirit amongst us, shown in the growing spirituality of many of our people. We have never been left without a witness of God's presence, in the dispensation of His grace, and this is our encouragement for the future. The attendance at the prayer-meetings has increased. The Sunday-school is doing a good work under its faithful Superintendent, and the young are carefully taught the Word, and trained in loyalty to the church.

Edgewood.—The work progresses steadily, and the year is completed with a small gain in membership and with a small balance in the treasury. Nothing has occurred to hinder the work. Attendance upon services has been good. A spirit of harmony prevails, and we feel that God is with us preparing us for better service and larger results.

Ridgewood.—The church is in fair condition. The Sunday-school increases. The Ladies' Aid Society and the Y. P. S. C. E. have doubled their numbers, and willing workers are doing good service for the church.

Greenwood Heights.—The condition of the church is a hopeful one, several additions having been made to the membership. The increase in financial strength has not been all that could be desired, but the attendance and interest on the part of most of the members, has been very encouraging. A change in the settlement of the neighbor-

hood seems to be approaching, which we trust will in every way work for the benefit of our church.

Bay Ridge.—Our organization as a Reformed Church was secured on the 28th of May, 1896, and by the Divine favor, prosperity has marked this first year of our church life. The corner-stone of our edifice was laid on June 6, 1896, and the completed structure was dedicated on the 24th day of January, 1897, under delightful circumstances and with interesting ceremonies.

Since then regular services each Sabbath have been held, with good audiences, which have grown larger and larger. The weekly prayer-meeting has been well sustained, and the Sunday-school has constantly increased in numbers and efficiency. A unanimous call to become our pastor has just been made upon Mr. Charles J. Scudder, of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J. We feel confident that, under God, the future holds a signal blessing for us.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

On June 22, 1896, the pastoral relation between the Rev. T. C. McClelland and the North Reformed Church was dissolved, to take effect on July 1st. On December 31, 1896, Rev. T. C. McClelland was dismissed to the Rhode Island Conference of Congregational Churches.

The Rev. B. E. Dickhaut was, on July 13, 1896, received from the Classis of Poughkeepsie, and was installed pastor of the South Reformed Church on September 10, 1896.

February 8, 1897, the Rev. Evert Van Slyke, D.D., was received from the Classis of Greene, and is the minister in charge of the North Reformed Church.

March 27, 1897, the Rev. David S. Sutphen died at his residence in Bloomfield, N. J.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED H. BRUSH, *Chairman.*

THE CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The work of the *Collegiate Church*, in all its departments, has gone steadily forward during the year. The large increase in membership reported is chiefly due to the consolidation of the congregations of DeWitt Chapel and the Thirty-fourth Street Reformed Church, when the names of all members of the latter church were added to our roll. There has been, however, a considerable accession at our other churches, especially those at Twenty-ninth Street and Seventy-seventh Street. In March a new congregation was organized at University Heights, and thirty-five persons were received into our communion. At the same time the Rev. Ferdinand S. Schenck, D.D., entered upon his labors there as an assistant minister of the Collegiate Church. There is every prospect of the steady growth of this new enterprise.

The Collegiate Reformed Church of Harlem again makes thankful acknowledgment to Almighty God for continued favor and blessing. Cheering accessions have been received into both our churches at each Communion. The Sabbath-school work has been prosecuted with faithfulness and success. Our people have given of their substance systematically and liberally. While no remarkable revival has visited us, we are able to report a year of progress and encouraging spiritual results.

South Church of New York.—Nothing unusual occurred. Some progress made.

Manor Chapel (*South*).—The past year has been one of unusual blessing for our work. The attendance on all the services has been better than for many years. The work of the Spirit has been manifest in the lives of the people; those already believing have been more earnest in their service, and more anxious in their inquiry after the truth. And while we received only twenty new members in the year just closed, I have already examined as many more who are waiting to be received. We have therefore much reason for gratitude to God for his blessings.

Staten Island (*Port Richmond*) *Church* has been somewhat disadvantaged by the absence of the pastor, by reason of illness, during most of the year. The pulpit, however, has been regularly supplied, the services have been well attended, and all the activities of the church have been faithfully maintained. We rejoice that so little hindrance has been encountered during this interim, and we are glad to believe that, in some respects, our members have been strengthened by the weight of responsibility that has come upon them. Among the young people, and in the Sabbath-school particularly, we find many proofs of zeal and consecration.

Bloomingdale Church.—Our contributions to the Boards are merely nominal. We are carrying a $50,000 mortgage on our church, left as a legacy to the present pastorate. During the past eight years we have raised $20,000 for interest. Between now and November 1st, $2,000 more must be paid on interest. This accounts for seeming lack of interest in the general church work. Furthermore, we have less than ten people in our church who, by birth or education, are Reformed.

Madison Avenue Church.—We report God's loving favor with us. He has given us the presence of His Holy Spirit continually during the year. Large congregations attend the Sabbath services. The mid-week hour for prayer and conference, always largely attended, is full of spiritual interest, and very helpful to God's children. Here sorrows are lightened, burdens lifted, and we are brought close to each other, and into sweet fellowship with the Lord, and thus are enabled to say, "It is good for us to be here." The different objects of church and benevolent work are all in successful operation. The work at Bethany Chapel, our mission field, is one of large and increasing interest. Preaching services are held every Sabbath morning and evening by a regular pastor, and three or four meetings for prayer and Bible study are held during the week. We have received many into church membership who have been converted in these meetings. The

Sunday-school numbers nearly one thousand officers, teachers and scholars. Every part of this work is in a flourishing condition, and we look forward to greater results in the future. The Day Nursery, where we care for the little ones, we consider one of the grandest charities in the church, or in our city. We have from eighty to over one hundred children present every day, except Sunday. The Mother's Meeting, Boys' Club, Working Girls' Club, and Kindergarten, are all flourishing and very helpful to those whom we seek to uplift and benefit.

The German Evangelical Mission.—Our annual report may be made very brief, for we have nothing to relate that would cheer the members of Classis.

In former years we were favored with success and growth, but of late we can only with difficulty hold our own. The neighborhood is changing so rapidly that it is needless to hope for better things in the future. The Jews are pressing upon us from every side, and eventually will crowd us out. If it were not for the strong attachment of a goodly number of our members, who live miles away from the church, we could not maintain ourselves. But while we speak thus, we would not undervalue the grace and privileges which we were permitted to enjoy. All our services have been maintained, and the Gospel preached to fair congregations, at least in the mornings. Our weekly meetings have shown a better attendance, and our Sunday and industrial schools are doing a noble work. By means of a Young People's Christian Endeavor Society we are trying to hold our Catechumens and train them for useful service in the church In benevolence, we have, in spite of the hard times, done fairly well, though our contributions for our own Boards show a marked falling off The claims from other quarters were so pressing that we could not withhold, and were constrained to aid again and again. We regret very much that our own Boards have to suffer on that account.

The Church at Huguenot, S. I.—The church services and Sunday-school have been maintained without inter-

mission throughout the year. The church occupies missionary ground. The immediate neighborhood is largely settled by non-church goers. The population is increasing. The church has been faithfully supplied during the past year by Mr. John Vander Meulen of the middle class of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and his services have been very acceptable. The church mourns the loss by death of Elder James Foster. Rev. Benjamin E. Dickhaut and Rev. K. F. Junor officiated at the Communion services during the year.

The Reformed Church of Mott Haven are able to report a steady spiritual interest and a larger number of accessions than ever before in its history. This has come through the regular ministration of the Word. The organizations of the church are flourishing and remarkably benevolent We have a Ladies' Aid Society, a Megapolensis Missionary Circle (auxiliary to the Boards) a Young People's Christian Endeavor Society, a "Daylight Circle" of King's Daughters, a "Willing Workers" Circle in the Sunday-school, and a chapter of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip Our Penny Provident Fund stamp station has over 300 regular depositors. Our finances are in fair condition, and our systematic benevolence increasing, but we are seriously cramped for room, and hampered by the lack of modern equipments.

The Union Church of High Bridge.—Nothing of unusual interest in connection with the work of the past year. The membership of the church and Sunday-school has increased somewhat, and a good degree of spiritual activity has been manifested. The falling off in the matter of contributions for benevolent and congregational purposes, is due, undoubtedly, to the curtailment of incomes, occasioned largely by the long continued business depression. In other respects the standard of previous years has been fully maintained, and the outlook is altogether encouraging.

The Fourth German Church.—The past year has been a year of varied experience. Financially, and also with reference to the attendance, the church has been losing

ound. The reasons for this are found in the fact that a neral religious decline among the Germans is noticed. sides the up-town movement of many of the members the congregation has essentially affected the regular at- ndance on the services of the church. In addition to at, the constant fluctuation of the different elements of e population around us has left the site of the church tside of the German population Still we are not dis- ayed, but hopeful and expectant. The Lord has been in r midst, and is still manifesting His power among us. ie Sunday-school as well as the two Endeavor Societies e doing excellent work for the Master and His cause. e have every reason to be thankful.

The Prospect Hill Church respectfully reports that dur- g the year the church edifice has been used for religious rvices, prayer meetings and Sunday-school, on such easy rms made in favor of certain poor Christian people, as make it a missionary center. At the same time the urch property has been preserved in good condition thout incurring any indebtedness. Present negotiations th a down-town church, give us the hope that we shall able to fulfill the original purpose with which our urch began its work.

The Holland Church.—The condition of the church is ch as to make a report impossible.

The German (Evangelical) Church of Avenue B has pro- essed during the past year, although we have not added any members to our Roll, on account of the steady mi- ation of the German and Christian class of the people to e upper part of the city. We have also lost many good id influential members on this account and by death. 'e mourn especially the loss of one of our most generous embers, Mr. John W. Miller. We regret that we cannot ntribute more to the Church Boards, but this is largely ving to the fact that we feel called upon to support the erman Evangelical Home and the Ottilie Orphanage, in rooklyn.

Brighton Heights Church.—Statistical report only.

The Union Church.—No report.

The Norfolk Street German Church.—Statistical report only.

St. Peter's Church, Kreischerville, S. I.—The Gospel has been preached in the church, at the Almshouse Hospital, and in a Mission at Perth Amboy. The work at Perth Amboy has been encouraging. The working men, both at Kreischerville and Perth Amboy, have felt the pressure of the hard times in frequent cessation from work, and they look forward prayerfully to better days.

The German Evangelical Church, Yorkville.—No report.

Grace Reformed Church.—The year has been one of united and patient effort. Notwithstanding the trials incident to a constantly changing neighborhood, and an unusual amount of sickness among our families, the life of our church has never been more healthful. We have celebrated the Holy Communion eight times, and on Easter of this year a score of our young people expect to confess their faith and unite with the church. All the regular services have been maintained. During the year the church has been recarpeted, and the school rooms repainted. Owing to the necessary absence of many of our most efficient women, the Missionary Society has not held regular meetings, but the Young People's Social Gatherings, and also the Sewing Society and the Christian Endeavor Society have been held weekly. The outlook is encouraging.

The Hamilton Grange Church.—Our church has certainly held its own, and perhaps made a slight advancement in temporal things during the past year. Our situation is a magnificent one, indeed strategic, but we have only a small, unpretentious building, out of keeping with our surroundings, and inadequate to our growing needs. In our spiritual work, we report most encouraging results. Our services and meetings are well attended and full of the Spirit's presence. Our young people are well organized and enthusiastic in their work. We report two new

societies, *i. e.*, an Indian Pow-wow for the boys, to interest them in the Indian work under Rev. Frank Wright in Oklahoma, and a Japanese Society for the girls, called Sen Shi Kwai, to interest them in Miss Winn's work in Japan. The missionary interest is great, and upon the increase—one of our young women having decided for the foreign field, if the way should open; and last, but not least, during the year we have had sixty-eight additions to our church, forty-seven of whom came upon confession of faith in Jesus Christ. For all of which we thank God and take courage.

The Church of the Comforter has to report the maintenance of regular services during the entire year, and a marked increase in attendance on Sunday-school and church services. It has raised nearly $1,000, leased ground, and erected a temporary building. It is believed that another year will show a marked progress.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. FAGG, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submits the following report for your consideration:—

The churches generally have maintained their usual activity with varied results. Several deplore the loss of families, and feel keenly the present financial depression. Especially through the farming districts has this loss been felt most severe. The new church at Port Jervis has made good progress, and promises to be a well-placed and well-timed enterprise. The Walden congregation has enlarged and beautified their building at a cost of $7,500. The additions to church membership by confession of faith also show a marked decrease from the number reported last year. The difference is so great—100 less—that it cannot be passed by without serious thought.

ECCLESIASTICAL CHANGES.

The Rev. D. T. Harris accepted a call from the Second Port Jervis Church, and was installed Nov. 11, 1896. The Rev. Thomas H. Mackenzie was received from the Presbytery of New York, United Presbyterian, and was installed over the Deerpark Church on Tuesday, Dec 1, 1896. The Rev. John T. Demarest, D. D., died at his home in New Brunswick on the 30th of Jan., 1897. The relations between the Rev. W. H. S. Demarest and the Walden church were dissolved Feby. 1, 1897, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Greene.

MARION T. CONKLIN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

The Committee on the State of Religion has received reports from all the churches of the Classis, and begs leave to submit a detailed summary of their contents.

First Poughkeepsie states that much faithful work has been done in the church, the Sunday-school and the Young People's Society. The contributions for denominational objects are less than reported last year, but those for other benevolent objects are greater.

Second Poughkeepsie reports that work in all departments has been steadily prosecuted. A Mission Sunday-school was organized last October in the southwestern part of the city, a section where there are no churches, and it has met with encouraging success.

The accessions to the church upon confession of faith have been less than last year; those by letter have been larger.

Fishkill states that there has been a change of pastorate, always a more or less trying ordeal to any church. But the blessing of God has been upon us, and we have enjoyed a goodly measure of prosperity in the prevalence of peace and harmony, and in the sanctification of the

means of grace for the conversion of the unconverted and for the growth of God's people.

Hopewell reports a year of blessing, though the times have been pressing; yet we have been able to close the year without debt, and have contributed liberally toward the support of the Gospel in many ways. We render all honor and praise to the Great Head of the Church for whatever prosperity, temporal or spiritual, has come to us.

New Hackensack states that preaching and pastoral ministration have been faithfully continued. Prayer meetings and Sunday-schools have been sustained in various districts.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, the King's Daughters, and the Christian Endeavor Societies, have prosecuted their work with marked success. Our church statistics give a very little idea of the work done and the good accomplished.

A week of conference in December, to promote the spiritual life of the church, at which Rev. W. W. Clark was present for several days, was greatly blessed to all in attendance.

Rhinebeck reports that the accession, eleven on confession of faith and fourteen by certificate, passes the record of many years. The men converts include a body of young men, material greatly needed in our church, and of which there are but few, in a village offering no inducements for such to remain permanently at home. The introduction of the plan of collecting benevolent contributions by the envelop system has added fifty per cent. to the gifts.

The Sunday-school is interesting, and the Christian Endeavor Society is a great power with us.

Fishkill-on-Hudson reports that the year has been one of special interest. The church auditorium was closed for five months for extensive changes and improvements, which have entirely transformed the interior appearance. A new organ, with all modern appliances, has been procured. An elegant dining-room and commodious kitchen

with all possible belongings, are also among the additions. While all the organizations of the church have been actively engaged in their appointed spheres, most of our energies have been put forth in material directions. Now that we have every facility for doing the Master's work, we hope and pray for larger blessing than ever.

Hyde Park states that while not able to report a large degree of spiritual prosperity as indicated by additions to the church on accession, in temporal matters we have been prospered. A deficiency in church expenses on Jan. 1st has been cheerfully met by subscriptions. Our benevolent offerings during the year have been nearly equal to the year preceding. For what we are and for what we have been permitted to do, we give thanks to God and continue to pray for His blessing.

Glenham reports, other than all the services being well and faithfully attended, we would note the increase in the attendance on Sunday evenings. This service is of the character of a Gospel or Praise service. The church building has been newly roofed at an expense of $149.67. A legacy of $170 has been received for the re-flooring and painting of the basement.

Cold Spring.—The Consistory of the church reports that preaching services have been maintained every Sunday during the year. As the church is still without a pastor, we cannot report much progress. The expenses have again exceeded the income, but we hope to make more progress in the year to come.

Millbrook states: "The Spirit of peace has been with us; the Lord's Day services have been regularly held, and well attended.

The Sabbath-schools have been faithfully cared for, and a condition of spiritual life exists which makes us hopeful of the continuance of God's blessing.

A general survey of the condition of the churches shows them to be, in the main, in a healthy and vigorous condition.

While the accessions on confession of faith are less than last year, yet there is evidence all along the line of earnest, energetic work.

The contributions for denominational objects are not so large as last year, while those for other objects are considerably more. The amounts raised for congregational purposes are in excess of the last twelve months.

Peace and harmony exist in all our communions, and the fellowship between the ministers and churches is most attractive and profitable.

The following ministerial changes have taken place: Rev. Benjamin E. Dickhaut has been dismissed to the South Classis of Long Island. Rev. Abel H. Huizinga has been received from the Presbytery of Chicago, and installed pastor of the church of Fishkill.

CHARLES W. FRITTS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

As in other years, the Committee on the State of Religion must begin its report by regretting that the lateness of the hour at which many of the reports of the churches have been received, has given it little opportunity to digest these reports, and ascertain with any exactness the spiritual condition of the churches under our care. We have received reports from all of the churches. Of these, however, several are only statistical. The tone of all is hopeful, and the review indicates that the churches have been well and faithfully served during the year. There have been no churches to which there have been large accessions, yet scarcely one but that has gained in membership, a few having materially increased in strength. The number received by confession is fifty per cent. greater than that received last year. Some of the churches are passing through a period of struggle which calls for the sympathy of all the rest. Certain of the weaker churches show a degree of activity, and have made advances which speak much for the earnestness and devotion of the pastors who are ministering

to them. The stringency of the times has been felt by all, which doubtless accounts for the falling off to be noticed in the aggregate amount contributed for denominational benevolence. We append below extracts from the statements of individual churches, which will better show their condition than a summary can.

During the year the following changes have taken place: On Oct. 26, 1896, the Rev. Joseph Gaston was dismissed from the Anderson Memorial Church of Belmont, and on Jan. 31, 1897, the Rev. J. Hendrick de Vries was dismissed from the church of Bronxville to the Presbytery of New Brunswick. Mr. Albert Kuiper was ordained and installed as pastor of the church at Unionville, July 15, 1896. The Rev. Henry Smith was received from the Hudson River Ministerial Association July 15, 1896, and installed over the church at Cortlandtown, March, 11, 1897. The Rev. J. D. Peters was installed pastor of the West Farms Church June 12, 1896. The Rev. J. Jonganeel was dismissed to the Classis of Schoharie May 12, 1896. Mr. Addison Caleb Bird was licensed to preach the Gospel June 22, 1896, and dismissed to Classis of Philadelphia. Mr. John P. Faber was received as a student under care of Classis Dec. 21, 1896. Our aged brother, the Rev. Wm. S. Moore, passed from the fellowship of the church below on the 26th of Sept., 1896, to the communion of the church above. Three of our churches are without pastors, those of Belmont, Bronxville and Hastings, but it is understood that two of these are soon to be supplied. To these vacant churches must now be added that of Mt. Vernon, whose pastor soon departs to enter upon the Foreign Missionary work of the church in Japan.

Anderson Memorial Church.—While we have not made any great progress, yet we have held our own. We have not received many new members, but the attendance at services has been a great deal better than formerly, and we have every hope that God will bless us in the future.

Bronxville.—Statistical report only.

Cortlandtown.—Statistical report only.

Fordham.—Statistical report only.

Greenburgh.—Greenburgh rejoices in God's continued blessing and care. The divine services have been well attended; the various societies of the church are doing their best; the Ladies' Aid Society has recarpeted the church, and the Senior Society of Christian Endeavor have furnished the funds for the inside painting of the pews, etc., whereas the Juniors have contributed this Winter toward the benevolence of the church. Presently we are seriously thinking of erecting a chapel for Sunday-school and prayer-meeting purposes. The prevalence of diphtheria, which closed the Sunday-school for awhile, and the stringency of the times, have somewhat lessened the amount of the contributions to the various Boards of the church. The financial obligations have been met; the best of Christian feeling exists, and the spiritual life of the church is manifest in all its departments of work.

Greenville.—Nothing special to report except that we are still praying that God would revive His work in this part of his vineyard, and we are looking for His blessing while we continue sowing the good seed of the Gospel.

Hastings-on-Hudson.—Statistical report only.

Melrose.—Statistical report only.

Mt. Vernon.—We report a year of quiet progress. No serious discouragements have crossed our path. There has been a noticeable increase in attendance at the morning services, and especially in the larger proportion of Sunday-school scholars who attend the public church worship. The Sunday-school has increased very gratifyingly. The benevolent work of the whole church has been good; and with gratitude to God we acknowledge the unusual record of a year in which death has claimed none from our flock. Provision has been made for carrying out more fully the recommendations of General Synod's Committee on Systematic Beneficence. The new and beautiful parsonage has contributed to an increased fellowship between pastor and people, besides adding much to the appearance and value of the church property. The pastor

resigns his charge to accept an appointment to the North Japan Mission of the Reformed Church in America.

Park Hill Church, Yonkers.—This year has been marked by the blessing of God manifest in sending us during these hard times "peace and prosperity." There is a healthful activity in all our societies. We have added a C. E. to our ecclesiastical machinery, and find it not a fifth wheel but a driving wheel of power considering the size. The Junior C. E. being older is now feeding it, and it is in turn helping the church. We thank God for adding to our number members who have contributed to our real strength. We pray the great Head of the Church to establish the work of our hands upon us, that what we do may abide.

Peekskill, Van Nest Reformed Church.—The year has been one of quiet work. Harmony has prevailed. The Y. P. S. C. E. is a great help to the church. The Sunday-school is well organized and is doing good work. The weekly catechetical classes have never been better attended, and are full of promise for the future. Financially we have held our own. The hard times have been severely felt; which is reason for the very low figures of our missionary contributions of this year, lowest indeed for a number of years, and that in spite of the earnest efforts of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary. But the prospect is good, the lessons of the past teach us to go on with our work, trusting in Him who has promised that He will richly supply all our need.

First Tarrytown.—We are glad to be able to report this year, as at other times, a church that is united, well-attended and active. The interest of the people is shown in their contributions both for the work of our individual church and that of the church at large. The various societies have been alert, our missionary zeal has not flagged, and a gratifying number have been added to our membership. Our Sunday-school is full to overflowing, and the necessity of enlarging our chapel so as to accomodate it, confronts us. Just now we are making arrangements for the bi-centennial of our church, which will take

place in October next, and will, we think, be an occasion of real interest. In connection with this we are planning needed repairs on the Old Dutch Church of Sleepy Hollow, and to restore it to a degree to its original condition.

Second Tarrytown.—In addition to the above report it is desirable to mention a few items of interest which a statistical table could not well include. We are grateful for the results of the past year. The lecture room has been redecorated and now presents a very attractive appearance. All the bills for the running expenses of the church have been met, and there is a balance over in the treasury. Harmony has prevailed throughout the year. There has been a spiritual force with us expressing itself by a quiet, pervading influence of grace. During the winter months the men of the church gathered for prayer and conference on Sabbath afternoons. The meetings were attended with marked power, and productive of most fruitful results. The stated services of the Sabbath have been continued uninterruptedly, and the prayer meetings in the main have been well sustained. For all that the Father has given us we would express our heartfelt gratitude.

Unionville.—Statistical report only.

West Farms.—Statistical report only.

Yonkers.—Uppermost in our thoughts are always the spiritual interests of our church. But we have been called during the past three years to the special mission of bringing a new house of worship into being, and establishing it on a safe mometary foundation. Unexpected failures and deaths, and widespread financial depressions have come up during the progress of our work, and made it one of struggle. Yet we have had all along our bright as well as our trying experiences, and have not been permitted to lose our courage. Our dear Lord has been with us every hour. But our temporal conditions have affected our spiritual progress as our statistical report will clearly show. Not a jar has occurred among us. All is peace and love. We ask the prayers of our friends, and commit our future with unwavering trust to our beloved Lord.

JOHN K. ALLEN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C.C. & S.S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.							POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent, Denominational Objects.			Benevolent, Other Objects.			Congregational.			
															R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	
Arcot	Lewis R. Scudder, M.D.	57	2	28	21	..	1	81	10	7	201	8	6	417	108	7	7	.....			138	3	5	Ranipett, Madras Pres'cy, In.
Yehamur	Abraham Muni	369	22	16	22	11	3	252	19	12	528	701	23	546	89	5	6	.....			175	1	5	" " "
Arni	E. C. Scudder, Jr.	35	6	10	25	4	2	82	4	...	99	9	5	361	147	6	2	.....			98	7	2	Arni, " "
Alliendal	"	25	...	1	1	..	..	25	...	...	55	27	2	43	4	10	9	.....			4	7	11	" " "
Marutuvambadi	"	48	6	3	4	..	1	23	4	4	44	157	4	77	17	..	5	.....			20	12	3	" " "
Vellambi	"	15	...	6	...	..	..	25	2	1	39	3	1	21	5	6	9	.....			8	6	4	" " "
Chittoor	J. Yesuratnam	72	11	11	32	2	1	95	5	4	129	50	10	379	40	6	8	44	8	1	249	..	6	Chittoor, " "
Kottapalli	Benjamin Thomas	97	1	9	9	1	2	71	18	7	111	....	9	189	19	..	..	.....			46	11	11	" " "
Madanapalle	L. B. Chamberlain ... P. Souri ... J. Souri ...	184	5	12	22	..	3	113	19	3	346	278	11	681	47	12	2	25	1	..	369	1	1	Madanapalle, " "
Palmaner		21	...	11	18	..	..	46	10	..	12	11	6	204	85	3	..	8	7	..	144	5	11	Palmaner, " "
Vellore	*A. Masilamani	65	5	20	32	..	6	116	9	...	135	....	2	190	112	13	6	.....			160	15	6	Vellore, " "
Kandiputtur	Isaac Lazar	119	11	5	5	..	1	136	7	2	138	..	7	170	35	13	1	.....			61	3	..	Katpadi, " "
Sekadu	" "	89	..	4	4	..	1	110	...	1	101	....	3	86	8	7	..	.....			28	5	4	" " "
Katpadi	E. Thavamani	154	6	18	14	..	2	148	25	14	250	....	9	217	34	..	..	.....			128	14	5	" " "
Coonoor	E. C. Scudder, Jr.	69	5	8	4	3	5	101	...	...	154	2	3	165	119	13	3	.....			98	15	3	Arni, " "
Tindivanam	J. H. Wyckoff (s. c.)	36	2	7	5	5	..	44	11	2	126	25	5	314	35	15	8	.....			295	15	11	Tindivanam, " "
Gnanodiam	Moses Nathaniel	69	7	8	6	..	2	105	1	1	140	59	6	194	37	1	2	.....			39	14	8	Chetpett, " "
Sattambadi	" "	33	...	1	...	..	..	40	1	1	97	14	1	33	15	4	3	.....			17	9	9	" " "
Orattur	Paul Balley	77	10	8	6	3	2	98	19	10	140	95	6	118	11	12	9	.....			30	13	8	Villapuram, " "
Velleripett	" "	49	4	5	6	5	1	58	4	3	99	44	5	88	8	9	1	.....			26	8	7	" " "
Narasinganur	" "	79	19	2	5	18	1	79	28	19	138	63	3	58	9	11	10	.....			28	15	7	" " "
Varikkal	John Peter	42	5	3	6	..	..	70	17	3	86	34	7	104	13	6	..	.....			32	7	3	Gingee, " "
Kolapakam	" "	97	10	7	2	..	2	109	12	10	163	134	4	61	7	15	6	.....			36	13	10	" " "
Gingee	" "	43	10	4	4	..	..	64	7	6	70	33	5	93	9	12	8	.....			32	4	3	" " "
	Total	1944	147	207	253	52	36	2091	232	110	3401	1747	143	4809	1025	4	9	78	6	1	2274	6	11	

Other Ministers.—J. Chamberlain, M.D., Madanapalle, India; W. I. Chamberlain, Vellore, India; J. A. Beattie, Chittoor, India; H. Huizinga, Vellore, India. ohn Scudder, M.D., in America.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.												Benevolent.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First, Claverack	George H. Burrill	116	4	7	9	...	6	248	15	2	....	55	5	264	$444.80	$124.75	$1,700.00	Claverack, Col. Co., N. Y.
Gallatin	Benjamin A. Bartholf	68	7	5	2	...	2	109	3	4	....	....	1	60	54.96	8.00	686.54	Mt. Ross, Dutchess Co. "
Germantown	Chalmers P. Dyke	110	27	10	2	...	3	170	3	12	....	205	1	205	295.64	.....	1,618.09	Germantown, Col. Co., "
Greenport	Edward T. Corwin,	80	4	...	1	...	3	143	5	2	....	40	2	125	189.95	8.68	1,150.00	Greendale, " "
Hudson	Vacant	*270	5	8	4	...	5	447	4	2	...	170	1	235	1,353.12	574.50	4,212.83	Hudson, " "
Linlithgo	Jonah W. Vaughan(s.c.)	77	2	2	1	...	2	199	2	...	40	100	1	130	173.00	56.00	1,410.00	Livingston, " "
Livingston at Linlithgo	Vacant	75	25	2	3	2	...	126	9	8	....	....	2	195	47.50	10.25	1,070.00	Linlithgo, " "
Mellenville	David M. Hunter	110	8	6	2	...	2	222	1	6	38	....	1	165	185.77	13.79	1,340.91	Mellenville, " "
Philmont	Francis V. Van Vranken	118	3	5	2	...	1	245	4	1	....	150	1	227	718.68	110.31	1,452.95	Philmont, " "
Upper Red Hook	George D. Lydecker	60	2	1	2	..	5	140	7	...	....	50	1	80	296.42	79.92	1,100.00	Up. Red H'k, Dutch. Co. "
West Copake	Philip Furbeck	85	7	2	...	...	4	141	1	5	....	....	1	148	112.84	.....	1,323.73	West Copake, Col. Co. "
	Total	1169	94	48	28	2	33	2190	54	42	78	770	17	1884	$3,872.68	$986.20	$17,065.05	

Other Ministers.—Mortimer Smith, Germantown, N. Y. Frederick K. Schibel, 1635 Harlem Ave., Baltimore, Md.

*Families by last year's report.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.											Benevolent.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Bloomingdale	Joseph Millett	150	11	2	1	...	...	239	32	2	239	325	1	325	$81.00	$11.50	$875 00	Whiteport, Ulster Co., N.Y.
The Clove	Herman Hageman (s.c.)	160	11	2	16	...	9	323	15	3	279	100	3	375	417.54	50.00	1,748.00	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	Supplied	40	14	4	6	...	1	79	5	4	5	....	1	....	6.35	.....	129.16	Rifton Glen, " "
Gardiner	Edward Niles	70	14	7	2	2	...	128	7	6	33	150	1	150	133.20	16 97	1,600.97	Gardiner, " "
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher	70	10	2	...	...	1	100	13	4	91	64	2	123	31.17	23.00	900.00	Libertyville, " "
Hurley	A. H. Schlieder	74	7	7	2	3	4	176	3	3	34	51	1	113	238.67	7.81	1,323.43	Hurley, " "
Kingston, Fair St	Chandler A. Oakes	207	12	6	4	...	7	356	4	10	....	....	1	320	146.50	.....	4,178 47	Kingston, " "
Krumville	Supplied†	25	17	...	3	...	...	78	8	11	40	12	1	75	150.00	.....	175.00	Krumville, " "
Lyonsville	Supplied†	38	1	3	2	...	4	80	3	...	....	....	1	69	2.50	.....	300.00	Kripplebush, " "
Marbletown	George Davis	93	7	1	...	...	1	188	3	3	....	....	1	75	145.61	8.01	1,184.17	Stone Ridge, " "
Marbletown, North	George Davis (s. s.)	50	36	2	3	...	3	108	10	20	....	....	2	70	43.94	.....	300 67	Stone Ridge, " "
New Paltz	E. C. Oggel	268	54	16	15	...	10	566	12	16	400	100	8	560	772.00	274.00	2,810.00	New Paltz, " "
Rochester	John L. McNair	127	24	...	4	...	5	202	7	11	....	....	5	342	101.36	9.00	1,236.36	Accord, " "
Rosendale	William Coombe	150	10	4	7	..	1	303	9	5	....	....	2	330	8.00	.....	14,588.29	Rosendale, " "
St. Remy	Joseph Millett	60	2	...	6	...	...	*109	5	...	...	25	1	109	12.25	14.00	525.00	Whiteport, " "
	Total	1592	211	56	56	5	46	3025	136	99	1121	807	30	3016	$2,515.49	$414.79	$31,875.52	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Paul T. Deyo, Krumville, N.Y.; Rev. James Cantine, Missionary; Rev. Samuel T. Searle, New Brunswick, N. J. Rev. J. R. Lente, Emeritus, Washington Ville, N. Y. ‖

Candidate.—Licentiate, Eugene H. Kestor, Rosendale, N. Y.

*Revised. †By E. H. Kestor, Licentiate.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Fam	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptisms Non-Communicants	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools	Total Enrollment	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jamaica	Edgar Tilton, Jr.	193	20	15	3	...	4	382	15	3	....	...	2	300	$917.15	$146 20	$3,114.57	Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.
Newtown	Charles K. Clearwater	115	1	2	2	...	3	200	3	...	...	...	2	425	260.00	25.00	2,900.00	Elmhurst, " "
Oyster Bay	John H. Smock	85	2	4	6	...	1	152	2	1	....	...	1	90	186.99	3.96	673 51	Glen Head, " "
North Hempstead	Alfred Duncombe	69	8	...	2	...	...	146	1	5	....	25	2	150	116.21	3.62	1,856 22	Manhasset, " "
Williamsburg	Joseph T. Duryea	103	13	6	7	...	2	310	..	4	....	...	1	300	220 00	594.66	6,655.75	134 Keap St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Astoria	Daniel Van Pelt	*134	1	..	5	...	2	173	5	...	....	35	1	175	508.00	145.00	3,225.00	80 Remsen St., Astoria, "
Flushing	James Demarest	112	5	12	3	...	6	275	8	3	....	...	2	325	626.63	174 24	4,398.56	234 Amity St., Flushing, "
Kent Street, Brooklyn	Lewis Francis	200	20	6	11	...	7	418	18	4	....	...	2	892	1,652.88	50.00	7,566.37	143 Noble St., Brooklyn, "
South Bushwick	George D. Hulst	200	23	7	13	...	5	471	38	4	....	...	2	1250	291.85	139.35	5,030.75	15 Himrod St. " "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	100	4	1	...	...	5	286	62	...	....	25	1	300	163.00	100.00	1,375.00	520 Second Ave., Astoria, "
East Williamsburg	Vacant	12	17	...	...	...	...	50	5	2	....	...	1	190	.....	.....	544.70	Metropolitan, Queens Co.
Queens	James S. N. Demarest	75	19	7	10	...	1	149	3	4	....	...	1	170	363.97	46 00	1,887.47	Queens, L. I., N. Y.
German Ev., Brooklyn	John C. Guenther	300	19	...	...	...	20	329	160	1	..	115	2	900	615.00	150.00	2,800.00	56 Union Av., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Sayville	John Hoffman	65	5	2	1	...	3	111	6	...	....	30	1	130	46.02	.....	853 98	West Sayville, L. I.
Locust Valley	John H. Smock	30	1	1	2	...	1	53	2	...	....	...	1	100	57.00	.....	571.00	Glen Head, " "
College Point	John Baumelster	105	3	2	1	...	3	136	24	1	....	105	1	165	356.12	99.57	2,606.17	College Point, " "
First, L. I. City	Alexander Shaw	52	4	...	6	...	...	84	14	3	....	40	1	139	83.60	35.00	985.60	102 Academy St., L. I. City.
Bushwick	Vacant†	200	114	3	5	...	3	395	19	12	....	...	1	400	.....	3.41	2,200.00	322 S. 5th St., Br'klyn, N.Y.
German Ev., Jamaica	Franz Hartig	56	13	...	2	...	3	150	47	1	....	15	1	138	35 00	22.00	1,113 00	Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.
Hicksville	Ernest Gutweiler	70	12	1	15	1	1	67	13	1	..	100	1	125	.....	5.00	752.00	Hicksville, " "
2d, Newtown (German)	August G. F. Bender	61	24	...	...	...	1	120	14	...	....	79	1	79	10.00	20.00	604.79	Newtown, " "
Steinway	Uriah D. Gulick (s. s.)	35	5	2	...	...	1	70	4	5	....	20	1	400	576.00	.....	1,120.00	Steinway, L. I. City.
Church of Jesus, Bklyn	August Guenther	68	10	...	...	...	4	102	44	1	....	12	1	290	12.00	9 00	1,305.00	15 Central Pl., Brooklyn.
New Hyde Park	David E. VanGieson (s s)	22	...	...	...	...	...	31	6	...	..	...	1	176	25.00	16.12	600.00	Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.
Sunnyside, L. I. City	Vacant†	30	18	6	..	...	...	24	13	...	....	35	1	125	....	.....	617.35	157 Skillman Av., L.I. City.
	Total	2492	361	77	90	1	76	4684	526	55	...	636	32	7784	$7,122.42	$1,788.13	$55,366.79	

Other Ministers.—E. R. Atwater, 131 Clymer Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.; W. H. Ten Eyck, (s.c.), 159 West 93d Street, New York City; Robert H. Barr, Newburgh, N.Y.; M. V. Schoonmaker, Westchester, Pa.

Candidate.—Hermon H. Shook, 99 Nassau Street, New York City.

*Last Year's Report. †Supplied.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.												Benevolent.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First Reformed	James M. Farrar	330	66	34	12	...	9	775	24	10	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	132 Lincoln Pl., Brooklyn.
Flatbush	Cornelius L. Wells	140	6	3	2	...	5	1432	8	...	235	150	1	450	$3,375.11	$2,196.58	...	900 Flatbush Av., " N.Y.
Grace Chapel	William H. Boocock	100	5	1	1	...	1	....	8	...	....	40	1	189	128 50	30.00	$718.90	965 FlatbushAve., " "
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	100	16	8	*25	...	4	312	6	3	....	75	1	350	1,167.48	80.00	9,632.61	7920 18th Ave., " "
Gravesend	Peter V. Van Buskirk	120	10	4	2	...	3	257	11	1	....	130	3	350	679 00	154.00	4,095.00	Station M., " "
Flatlands	John S. Gardner, (s.c.)	85	15	2	1	...	3	192	7	...	85	37	2	277	451.77	338.41	3,014.41	Flatlands, N.Y.
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	80	8	2	5	...	5	227	10	4	....	50	1	336	491.67	200 00	2,300.70	New Lots Ave., Sta. E. "
East New York	James M. Dickson	154	7	15	7	...	5	273	16	1	....	....	1	539	405.75	1,790 00	3,570.00	53 Vermont Ave., Br'klyn.
South Brooklyn	Benj. E. Dickhant	207	22	...	4	...	1	382	20	6	....	354	1	650	338.00	213.00	3,132.00	165 52d St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
12th Street	John E. Lloyd	330	25	20	8	1	6	830	30	10	400	300	1	1400	1,267 00	920 00	7,840.00	806 Carroll St., " "
North	Evert Van Slyke, (s.s.)	115	4	2	6	...	1	200	1	..	....	....	1	200	70 00	20.00	...	408 Washington Ave.,
Church-on-the-Heights	J. Douglas Adam	130	8	15	5	...	3	225	1	1	....	....	1	50	1,582.80	4,859.00	6,877.00	45 Monroe Pl., Brooklyn.
Bethany Chapel	Vacant	93	12	5	6	...	1	173	4	1	....	....	1	467	209.00	442.00	1,013.67	
New Brooklyn	Fred. C. Erhardt	137	25	..	....	....	10	347	102	1	....	15	1	278	76.48	66.45	2,193.00	1062 Herkimer St., Br'klyn.
Second, Flatbush	Louis Goebel	50	14	1	1	...	2	..	15	2	....	4	1	115	40.00	8.50	1,076.50	Church Ave., Brooklyn.
Canarsie	John Ficken	23	13	...	3	...	2	96	18	...	10	5	1	70	83.00	60.00	1,421.96	Canarsie, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Bedford	William D. Perry, (s.s.)	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	163 Washington P'k, Brk'lyn
St. Thomas, W. I.	Vacant	30	6	...	3	...	3	100	3	...	....	53	1	62	19 30	24.58	1,325.14	St. Thomas, D. W. I.
Ocean Hill	A. Messler Quick, (s.s.)	60	3	5	3	...	..	170	8	1	....	60	1	200	13.00	33.00	...	56 Seventh Ave., Brooklyn.
Edgewood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams	40	2	6	3	...	...	84	1	..	25	....	1	200	85.00	40.00	1,200.00	Station K, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Ridgewood	Jacob Weber, (s.s.)	45	....	....	....	....	....	33	6	....	....	1	1	250	10.00	10.00	600.00	Evergreen, L. I.
Greenwood Heights	A. P. Stockwell, (s.s.)	38	1	2	2	....	....	66	13	...	....	..	1	105	37.23	.....	248.29	145 Berkeley Pl., Brooklyn.
Bay Ridge	Vacant	30	...	28	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	190	.....	.....	15,145.54	
	Total,	2437	268	205	99	1	64	5057	312	42	755	1274	26	6778	$10,586.09	$11,585 47	$65,404.72	

Other Ministers.—Daniel Rapalje, Amoy, China; John Mason Ferris, Editor "Christian Intelligencer," Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Uriah D. Gulick, Steinway, L. I. City.; D. N. Vanderveer, Greenport, L. I.; Walter T. Griffin, Limoges, France, U. S. Consul; Edwin F. See, Y. M. C. A., 502 Fulton Street, Brooklyn; J. L. Zabriskie, Flatbush, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. R. Davis, Brooklyn, N.Y.; A. D. W. Mason, Editor "Mission Field," 25 E. 22d Street, N. Y. City; H. T. Jones, Bergen Point, Bayonne, N. J.

*23 Members to form the Bay Ridge Reformed Church

†Including 187 Members of Grace Chapel.

THE CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C.C. & S.S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
West End Collegiate...	Henry E. Cobb.....																	370 West End Ave., N.Y.C.
Fifth Ave. Collegiate...	Edward B. Coe.....																	42 W. 52d St., "
Marble Collegiate.....	David J. Burrell.....																	248 W. 75th St., "
.....	Alfred E. Myers, Asst																	309 W. 70th St., "
.....	John Lewis Clark, "																	1248 Madison Ave., "
Middle Collegiate.....	John G. Fagg.....	1781	204	*477	53	1	32	*3337	88	26	...	....	8	3523	$36,234.94	$8,688.06	.....	50 E. 7th St., "
University Heights Coll	Ferdinand S. Schenck																	
North Church Chapel..	....																	
Thirty-fourth Street....	Kenneth F. Junor....																	323 W. 28th St., "
Knox Mem. Chapel....	William Vaughan...																	514 Ninth Ave., "
Vermilyea Chapel.....	....																	
Harlem Collegiate....	Joachim Elmendorf.. Frank Malven, Asst. William J. Harsha...	500	43	68	69		16	1561	39	10	...	400	2	1449	2,797.05	6,381.22	.....	35 Mt. Morris Ave., " 83 W. 123d St., 269 Lenox Ave., "
South Church	Roderick Terry	235	16	5	3		2	267	6	1	95	95	2	230	6,730.00	3,270.00	$10,000.00	169 Madison Ave., "
Manor Chapel (South)..	James Palmer.....	200	17	3	...		4	221	30	3	154	80	1	500	200.00	500.00	513.23	90 North 9th St., Newark, N.J.
Staten Island	Alfred H. Demarest....	160	3	7	4		4	357	8	.	...	225	2	550	744 23	186.45	3,663.92	Port Richmond, S. I.
Bloomingdale.....	Madison C. Peters.....	290	39	25	5		3	350	41	10	200	15	2	600	75.00	1,200.00	13,000.00	B'way and 68th St., N.Y.C.
	Total,.....																	

*In February, 1896, all persons enrolled as members in full communion of the 34th Street Reformed Church were received into the full communion of the Church by certificate. (The congregations of that Church and De Witt Chapel having consolidated). The total number of communicants thus received into our membership from the 34th Street Church appears from its Roll to be 337, of which number 77 were designated as "unknown" in a revision of the Roll by Rev. K. F. Junor, in charge of the 34th Street Church.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK (CONTINUED.)

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C.C. & S.S. Number of Catechumens.	C.C. & S.S. No. of S. Schools.	C.C. & S.S. Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Other Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Madison Avenue	Abbott E. Kittredge	315	72	62	32	..	12	1286	...	10	12	1199	2	1314	$5,095.41	$14,563.06	$26,031.64	711 Park Ave., N. Y. City.
German Evang. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	60	18	1	6	..	6	232	28	3	..	23	2	375	348.00	1,625.55	1,019.78	78 Second St., "
Huguenot		40	1	...	1	..	1	30	...	1	...	...	1	50	26.86	.....	518.43	Sea Side, S. I.
Mott Haven	G. Edwin Talmage	100	34	14	13	..	2	213	19	6	138	480	2	525	296.05	148.17	.....	590 E. 146th St., "
Union, High Bridge	Henry M. Cox	135	16	6	6	..	...	201	13	2	92	171		313	766.08	307.04	3,178.68	Woody Crest Ave., H.B. "
Fourth, German	John H. Oerter	125	15	...	5	..	..	416	21	...	200	110		250	325.71	112.30	1,880.15	248 W. 40th St., N. Y. City.
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	28	...	...	10	..	2	68	...	...	...	...		.....	.....	.....	.....	7 E. 22d St., "
Holland	Vacant	17	2	1	4	..	2	49	2	...	19	....		.....	.....	.....	127.90	279 W. 11th St., "
Avenue B, German	Jacob Schlegel	....	30	1	4	..	7	590	70	...	....	40		602	225.00	1,935.00	2,400.00	602 — 5th St.. "
Brighton Heights	Thomas O. Lowe,	*70	10	3	4	..	4	190	8	3	....	...		315	336.00	100.00	4,349.00	New Brighton, S. I.
Union	Vacant	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Norfolk St., German	Charles Schlegel	60	7	...	...	..	3	85	39	1	20	28		60	20.00	75.00	1,300.00	147 Norfolk St., N. Y. City.
Kreischerville, St. Pt'rs	Jacob Ganss	200	10	...	8	..	4	150	15	1	....	9		156	.....	.....	360.00	Kreischerville, S. I.
German Ev., Yorkville		...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grace	Joseph R. Duryee	220	16	2	4	..	4	268	18	2	....	25		280	233.00	337.00	4,630.00	139 E. 86th St., N. Y. City.
Hamilton Grange	Charles B. Chapin	170	47	21	17	1	4	¶301	16	6	....	....		400	233.41	81.66	3,126.41	355 W. 145th St., "
Church of the Comfr'tr	Henry V. S. Myers, (s.c.)	25	...	6	...	..	...	43	1	...	14	100		120	109.69	4.03	1,502.63	919 Morris Ave., "
	Total	4731	600	702	248	2	112	10215	454	85	944	3000	33	11612	$54,796.42	$39,514.54	$77,551.77	

Other Ministers.—Leonard W. Kip, Amoy, China; C. H. H. Wolff; E. Rothesay Miller, Morioka, Japan; Walter Laidlaw, 415 W. 54th Street, New York City; W. W. Clark, Caldwell, N. J.; Hasbrouck Du Bois, High Bridge, New York City; Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; G. H. Mandeville, 16 E. 126th Street, New York City; A. J. Park, Huntington, Conn.; E. A. Reed, Holyoke, Mass.; A. G. Vermilye, Englewood, N. J.; William Westerfield, 107 W. 123d Street, New York City; M. Kratt, 1120 Park Ave., New York City; Frank H. Wright, Colony, Okl.; E. J. Runk, 37 W. 49th Street, New York City; H. L. Franzen, New York City.

Candidates.—M. G. Schwartz, 65 Avenue A, New York City.

*List of Families and Communicants, Revised. ¶Revised.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd.												Benevolent.				
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.		
Berea	Edward V. V. Searle	35	4	...	1	...	...	106	1	1	17	6	1	30	$ 72.70	$ 8.00	$673.66	Walden,	N. Y.
Bloomingburgh	John L. Stillwell	80	10	4	2	...	3	118	5	7	....	....	1	80	130.00	58.00	1,000.00	Bloomingburgh,	"
Callicoon	Henry Unglaub	62	10	...	1	...	5	150	17	...	....	15	1	150	11.00	15.00	750 00	Callicoon,	"
Claraville	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	...	...	....	....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	Grahamsville,	"
Cuddebackville	Charles E. Corwin	51	3	...	4	...	...	88	1	3	3	25	1	88	80.99	4.42	733.26	Cuddebackville,	"
Deerpark	Thomas H. Mackenzie	248	10	6	8	...	4	494	9	3	218	200	4	600	2,176.00	304.00	4,692 00	Port Jervis,	"
Ellenville	Herman C Berg	170	8	3	4	...	4	303	8	2	...	200	1	300	364.01	75.00	2,193.01	Ellenville,	"
Fallsburgh	Benj. T. Statesir	80	7	...	4	...	2	115	1	3	....	16	3	173	148.36	.....	674.25	Woodbourne,	"
Grahamsville	Frederick W. Ruhl	31	...	...	5	...	2	76	1	...	....	.	1	72	9.60	3 00	318.92	Grahamsville,	"
Kerhonkson	C. Van Oostenbrugge	50	5	...	1	...	...	*60	4	2	....	....	1	90	6.00	5.00	472 00	Kerhonkson,	"
Mamakating	Vacant	30	...	...	...	...	2	90	...	...	....	45	1	52	.....	.....	505 57	Wurtsboro,	"
Minnisink	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	Montague	N. J.
Montgomery	J. Frederick Berg	175	9	10	5	...	6	430	18	..	..	200	2	235	626.14	58.67	2,124.34	Montgomery,	N. Y.
Newburgh	Robert H. Beattie	193	20	6	12	...	4	293	6	7	....	160	1	210	334.88	132.09	3,101.29	Newburgh,	"
New Hurley	John A. Thurston	105	7	3	5	...	3	15:	3	2	....	45	2	75	46.94	....	935 38	New Hurley,	"
New Prospect	Edwin O. Moffett	108	8	5	3	...	6	*209	1	4	....	173	1	173	306.08	53.42	1,157.99	Pine Bush,	"
Port Jervis, Second	David T. Harris	30	5	1	...	...	1	28	11	...	15	...	1	121	10.70	2.50	3,546.21	Port Jervis,	"
Shawangunk	Joseph Dixon	80	8	2	3	...	...	175	3	2	...	57	4	188	165.00	28.00	1,177.36	Bruynswick,	"
Unionville	F. W. Ruhl	12	...	...	...	...	...	18	...	...	....	....	1	35	2.41	.....	30,00	Grahamsville,	"
Walden	.....	170	11	3	12	...	4	364	18	4	....	250	1	250	449.44	11.65	6.573.72	Walden,	"
Wallkill Valley	Marion T. Conklin	100	19	4	3	...	2	211	6	8	....	2	1	.....	223.35	.....	1,689.06	Wallkill,	"
Walpack Upper	Wm. G. Myles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	...	...	.....	.....	.....		
Walpack Lower	Charles H. Whittaker	72	11	..	2	...	...	*136	2	5	....	....	2	100	36.46	.....	660.00	Bushkill,	Pa.
Warwarsing	C. Van Oostenbrugge	45	2	...	1	...	1	44	2	...	...	...	1	80	23.00	4.00	675.00	Napanoch,	N. Y.
	Total	1920	157	47	76	...	49	3706	117	53	253	1394	32	3102	$5,223.06	$692.75	$33,623.02		

Other Ministers.—James E. Bernart, Chester, N. Y.; Gilbert S. Garretson, Dingman's Ferry, Pa.; Hendrick A. Hendrickson, Ellenville, N. Y.; Samuel W. Mills, Port Jervis, N. Y.

Candidate.—Auguste M. Gliddon.

*Revised.

$1,486 to Germantown.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.												Benevolent.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First, Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson (s.c.)	200	9	6	13	...	5	†515	7	4	....	....	1	329	$1,434.35	$3,459.61	$3,366.71	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second, Poughkeepsie	Wm. Bancroft Hill. ...	160	15	22	7	..	4	433	6	8	....	....	2	260	1,692.00	1,225.00	4,452.00	Poughkeepsie, "
Fishkill	A. H. Huizinga	104	7	4	2	...	6	231	7	3	....	....	1	103	327.90	58.51	1,756.61	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	Ernest Clapp.	95	6	2	...	...	4	193	5	5	....	....	5	200	162.06	16.50	1,181.68	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	Wm. A. Dumont	88	5	6	2	...	7	179	4	3	..	....	§4	175	311.51	36.21	893.82	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	J. Howard Suydam	123	11	14	2	...	2	221	4	5	....	....	1	120	425.29	56.00	1,465.77	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	Charles W Fritts	130	5	...	2	...	2	333	2	5	....	....	1	180	300.91	100.53	7,819.19	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	I. Ferguson Harris	60	...	4	3	...	3	†84	3	..	....	....	1	70	470.78	73.00	1,460.00	Hyde Park-on-Hudson, "
Glenham	Wm. V. D. Strong	42	..	...	9	...	2	68	...	...	....	55	1	61	55.13	1.75	448.48	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Vacant	16	2	...	8	...	2	42	...	2	....	20	1	35	4.00	5.00	459.29	
Millbrook	J. Edward Lyall	103	3	3	2	...	2	†169	1	...	....	....	3	163	514.91	107.77	2,228.03	Millbrook, "
	Total,	1121	63	61	50	...	39	2168	39	35	..	75	21	1696	$5,677.94	$5,139.88	$25,531.58	

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, 25 E. 22d St., New York City, N. Y.; Rev. F. F. Wilson, Asbury Park, N. J.; Rev. Philip W. Pitcher, Amoy, China.

† Revised list.

§ Three are Union Schools.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.												Benevolent.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Belmont	Vacant	29	13	2	1	...	...	63	6	...	7	..	1	120	$5.00	$148.00	$1,125.00	Belmont, New York City.
Bronxville	Vacant	33	1	...	...	...	2	76	4	1	12	...	1	102	203.00	99.00	1,666.00	Bronxville, N. Y.
Cortlandtown	Henry Smith	100	39	...	...	...	1	159	5	8	60	25	2	180	14.00	105 00	1,600.00	Montrose, "
Fordham	Joseph M. Hodson	113	10	4	2	...	...	217	10	5	...	....	1	150	638.00	25 00	5,942.00	Fordham, New York City.
Greenburgh	G. A. T. Goebel	40	...	1	...	...	...	43	2	...	....	40	1	85	30.00	10.00	639.00	Elmsford, N. Y.
Greenville	Joseph A. Harper	43	...	2	...	..	...	69	4	...	....	....	1	53	33.00	....	956.00	Scarsdale, "
Hastings	Vacant	50	7	10	...	...	1	90	2	1	....	....	1	120	31.00	... .	446.00	Hastings-on-Hudson, "
Melrose	Geo. H. Miller	127	32	5	...	...	2	247	50	...	..	....	1	480	19 00	.....	2,386.00	748 Elton Ave., N. Y. City.
Mt. Vernon	Frank S. Scudder	126	2	4	4	1	...	201	3	...	....	125	2	170	841.00	114.00	3,242.00	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
Park Hill	Wm. P. Bruce	90	11	16	1	...	...	119	12	2	40	70	1	140	206.00	62.00	2,563.00	10 Livingston Ave., Yonkers.
Peekskill	Henry de Vries	104	2	...	1	...	2	160	1	1	55	40	1	120	80.00	21.00	1,677.00	Peekskill, N. Y.
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	130	11	11	4	...	4	326	7	1	....	....	1	300	1,200.00	465 00	4,520.00	Tarrytown, "
Tarrytown, Second	Arthur F. Mabon	32	10	1	...	...	2	175	2	8	25	....	1	136	236.00	32,00	1,849.00	Tarrytown, "
Unionville	A. Kuiper	61	1	1	2	...	...	88	2	...	24	35	1	89	48.00	35.00	966.00	Neperan, "
West Farms	Joseph D. Peters	28	4	...	...	...	1	30	1	1	50	20	1	110	77.00	3.00	1,705.00	1295 Woodruff Ave., N.Y.C.
Yonkers	David Cole	150	18	2	16	...	7	422	11	3	120	....	1	250	232.00	45.00	12,738.00	Yonkers, N.Y.
	Total	1306	161	59	31	1	24	2485	122	31	393	355	18	2595	$3,893.00	$1,164.00	$45,020.00	

Other Ministers.—Rev. John A. Todd, Rev. Geo. Rockwell, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Rev. Wm. Brush, Morristown, N. J.; Rev. W. W. Rand, Am. Tract Society, 10 E. 23d St., New York City; Rev. Howard Harris, Japan Foreign Mission; Rev. J. Henry Bertholf, Yonkers, N. Y.; Rev. James Bolton, Ricefield, N. J.; Henry J. Bogardus, M.D., Jersey City, N. J.; Rev. L. C. Andrews, White Plains, N. Y.; Rev. J. A. Norris, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.; Rev. Joseph Gaston, 27 W. 112th Street, New York City; Rev. F. M. Bogardus, ———————

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1897.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.
				Rec'd.															
				On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	Number of S. S.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Arcot	24	20	1944	147	207	253	52	36	2091	232	110	3401	1747	143	4800	$1,513	$ 39	$1,137	Rev. John H. Wyckoff.
Hudson	11	11	1169	94	48	28	2	33	2190	54	42	78	770	17	1834	3,872	986	17,065	Rev. Jonah W. Vaughan.
Kingston	15	14	1592	211	56	56	5	46	3025	136	99	1121	807	30	3016	2,515	414	31,875	Rev. Herman Hageman.
North Long Island	25	24	2492	361	77	90	1	76	4684	526	55	.....	636	32	7734	7,122	1,788	55,366	Rev. William H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island	23	30	2437	268	205	99	1	64	5057	312	42	755	1274	26	6778	10,536	11,585	65,404	Rev. John S. Gardner.
New York	22	45	4731	600	702	248	2	112	10215	454	85	944	3000	33	11612	54,798	39,514	77,551	Rev. Henry V. S. Myers.
Orange	24	22	1920	157	47	76	....	49	3706	117	53	253	1394	32	3102	5,223	692	33 623	Rev. Edward V. V. Searle.
Poughkeepsie	11	14	1121	63	61	50	....	39	2468	39	35	.....	75	21	1696	5,678	5,140	25,531	Rev. A. P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	16	24	1306	161	59	31	1	24	2485	122	31	393	355	18	2505	3,893	1,164	45,020	Rev. William P. Bruce.
Total	171	204	18712	2062	1462	931	64	479	35921	1992	552	6045	10058	352	43176	$94,150	$61,322	$352,572	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by sub-committees on the Minutes of each Classis as follows, and the reports were severally accepted and adopted.

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee on the Examination of the Minutes of the Classis of Hudson, respectfully report that they have examined the same, and find them to be in order.

HENRY M. COX, *Chairman.*

Classis of Kingston.—Your committee has examined the Minutes of the Classis of Kingston and found them correct; with the following exception, *i.e.*, in the Minutes of the meeting of June 29, '96, there is no record of the fact that the meeting was closed with prayer.

CHARLES B. CHAPIN.
JOHN V. VAN PELT.

North Classis of Long Island.—Your Committee on the Minutes of the North Classis of L. I., would report that they have examined the same and they are in order, and also they have been duly signed by the President.

GEORGE DAVIS.
E. A. BRIGGS.

South Classis of Long Island.—Your Committee have examined the records of the South Classis of Long Island, and would respectfully report they find them in order.

WM. H. STRONG.

Classis of New York.—The Committee to whom has been assigned the examination of the Minutes of the Classis of New York, offers the following report: Your Committee has examined the Minutes of the Classis of New York and finds them in many particulars a model record of a year of inspiring effort for Christ and His Church.

On page 221, Minutes of adjourned session of Jan.

25th, 1897, there is no mention of a closing prayer, and the number of members present is not given.

On page 223, negative answers to Constitutional questions are recorded, with no mention of any action thereon by the Classis.

On page 241, Lemma 23, "Reports of Trustees of Classis," suggest a guardianship of the interests of Classis that however it may be justified is, we believe, peculiar to the Classis of New York, and not contemplated in the Constitution of the R. C. A.

HERMAN C. BERG.

Classis of Orange.—Your Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Orange, report that they have done so, and find them in order and well kept.

ALEXANDER SHAW.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie, respectfully report that they have examined said Minutes and have found them to be correct.

THOMAS O. LOWE.
JAMES D. SHIPMAN.

Classis of Westchester.—Your Committee has examined the Minutes of the Classis of Westchester and found them correct.

J. FREDERIC BERG.
WM. FREDERIC LAYTON.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business have had the following papers put in their hands :

1. An overture from Rev. Edward J. Runk on Classical Consolidation within the Greater New York.
2. An overture from the Consistory of the Church of

elmont, asking to be transferred from the Classis of estchester to that of New York.

3. Certain papers relating to the disbanding of the olland Church in Eleventh Street, New York City.

4. An appeal from Revs. George Davis and E.C.Oggel, the Classis of Kingston, from a decision of that Classis on the interpretation of the word "respectively," in ap. vii, § 7, of the Constitution.

1. In reference to the overture from Rev. Edward J. unk on the Consolidation of the Classes of New York, orth Long Island, South Long Island, and Westchester to one Classis of New York, in view of the expected nsummation of the civil scheme to establish a Greater ew York, your Committee remark: That a similar over- re was presented by Mr. Runk at the meeting of this nod in 1896, when it was laid on the table. His argu- ents, as then presented in favor of this scheme, were creased dignity, strength, enlargement of mutual sym- athy, with economy and facility of administration. As is overture comes from a single individual, we do not ow whether the Classes referred to, themselves desire . While we can see certain advantages in such consoli- ation, the question might also be justly raised whether large a Classis would not be unwieldy, and out of pro- ortion in size, compared with the other Classes of the urch generally. Your Committee offer the following solution:

Resolved, That the attention of the four Classes above amed be called to this proposition, and if they all, or any them, desire such consolidation, to overture some future articular Synod accordingly.

2. In reference to the overture of the Church of Bel- ont in the Classis of Westchester, to be transferred to e Classis of New York, your Committee can only say at while it is in the power of this Particular Synod to ake such transfer, they hardly consider it courteous to e Classis of Westchester to take this action, without nowing the mind of the Classis on the same.

3. In reference to the disbanding of the Holland

Reformed Church, in Eleventh Street, in the City of New York, your Committee report: It seems that the Classis of New York, in April, 1896, upon due investigation of all the circumstances relating to this church, disbanded the same. The Classis sends a certified copy of its action to this Synod, and also a copy of the report of the legal aspect of the matter, and that Rev. Thos. O. Lowe is the Commissioner of Classis to defend their action on the floor of Synod. We have also a paper from the so-called Consistory of this church, making certain statements respecting the refusal of the Classis to recognize an elder from said church, and accrediting Rev. Henry DeVries as their adviser. Lastly, the appeal of the church from the action of Classis has come before us. Finding that all the papers are properly before us, we recommend:

1. That the case of the appeal of the Holland Reformed Church of the City of New York be taken up according to the Rules of Order.

2. We recommend that the papers in the case be read in the following order:

1. The communication from the church.
2. The appeal of the church from the action of Classis.
3. The papers explaining the action of the Classis of New York.
4. The credentials of Rev. Henry DeVries, for the church.
5. The credentials of Rev. Thos. O. Lowe, for the Classis.

3. The hour for the appeal to be 11, this Wednesday morning.

4. In reference to the appeal of Revs. E. C. Oggel and Geo. Davis, relative to the meaning and application of the word "respectively," in § 7, Art. vii, of the Constitution, your Committee report:

The Classis of Kingston decided that both ministers and elders must answer each of these questions. The appeal states that such is not a just and reasonable inter-

pretation of the Constitution; that it destroys the meaning of the word "respectively," as it stands in the Constitution; that it is wrong, in the nature of the case, as the minister ought not to be required to answer every question; and that it is desirable to have an official interpretation of the same.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the papers before us are not entirely regular, but the original minutes of the Classis of Kingston having been offered in lieu thereof, by the appellants, and in view of the fact that the Commissioner of Classis is absent, and the appellants waive all rights to be heard in the premises, therefore

Resolved, That this Particular Synod sustains the Classis of Kingston in its interpretation of the Constitution in this particular. All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. CORWIN, *Chairman.*

The Synod took up the appeal from the action of the Classis of New York on the part of the Holland Reformed Church of New York City.

The President reminded the members of the Synod that they were about to proceed to the consideration of Judicial Business, and should regard themselves as judges of a court Jesus Christ.

The Rev. Thomas O. Lowe was recognized as Commissioner from the Classis of New York.

The Rev. Henry De Vries was recognized as Counsel for the Consistory of the Holland Reformed Church of New York City.

1. The action appealed from was read.
2. The appeal and reasons for the appeal were read.
3. All the documents in the case were read in the order prescribed by the Committee on Judicial Business.
4. The Appellant, the Consistory, was heard through its counsel, the Rev. Henry De Vries.
5. The Classis was heard through its Commissioner, the Rev. Thomas O. Lowe.
6. The Appellant was heard in reply through counsel, the Rev. Henry De Vries.

The members of the Classis of New York, and their Commissioner, and the Counsel for the Appellant having withdrawn, the Synod proceeded to deliberate on the case.

The Roll was called, and an opportunity given for the members to express their opinions.

The following question was then put:

"Shall the appeal of the Holland Reformed Church of New York City from the action of the Classis of New York in disbanding it, be sustained?"

Synod voted *not to sustain*, without dissent.

Afterwards the following action was taken:

Resolved, That this Synod confirm the action of the Classis of New York in disbanding the Holland Reformed Church of New York City, and that the said Classis be directed to take the necessary steps to acquire the property of said church, and to apply the same as nearly as possible for the purpose named by the donors.

On motion it was also

Resolved, That the Rev. Thomas O Lowe be appointed the Commissioner of this Particular Synod to defend Synod's action on the floor of General Synod in case of a a possible appeal therefrom to that body on the part of the Holland Reformed Church of New York City; and also in case of a possible appeal to General Synod on the part of the appellants from the decision of the Classis of Kingston confirmed by this Synod.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to by the Committee on Classical Minutes. See also part 4, Report of Committee on Judicial Business.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX:

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon after the organ-

ization, was passed in devotional exercises, led by the Vice-President.

The first half hour of the Wednesday morning session was also spent in devotional exercises, led by the Rev. David Cole.

The Bar of the House was defined.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the evening of the first day, immediately after the Synodical sermon. The form was read by the President of Synod. The bread was administered by Rev. Thomas O. Lowe, and the cup by the Rev. Charles B. Chapin. The distribution ef the bread was made by the Elders J. V. Van Pelt, W. H. Fredenbergh, A. J. Van Sicklen, H. C. Smith ; and that of the cup by the Elders W. F. Layton, J. D. Shipman, James S. Burroughs, Gurdon Swift.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of Arrangements be appointed, of which the pastor of the church shall be a member, to fix the hours of meeting and adjournment during this session of the Synod; to select those who are to assist in conducting the services in connection with the Synodical sermon, as well as those who are to administer and distribute the elements at the celebration of the Lord's Supper; and to appoint the time for the reading of the papers and the hearing of the representatives of the Boards of the Church.

The President appointed as such committee the Revs. Edgar Tilton, Jr., and H. C. Berg, and Elder A. J. Van Sicklen.

In accordance with their report, as accepted and adopted, the services were conducted on Tuesday evening, as recorded; the representatives of the Boards and the readers of the papers were heard, as recorded; and the sessions began and adjourned at the hours fixed therefor.

The Rev. C. L. Wells was heard in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. W. H. Vroom, in behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions, at the Wednesday morning session. The Rev. A. De W. Mason presented the cause of the Missionary Periodicals of the Church, and of the Christian Endeavor Missionary League, on Tuesday afternoon.

The Rev. Joseph T. Duryea, D. D., read a paper on "Peace: One of the Leading Ideas of Scripture," at the Wednesday morning session; and Elder Frederick B. Schenck read a paper on "The Sunday-School of the Future," at the Tuesday afternoon session.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations be requested to select persons for reading papers at the next regular meeting of the Synod.

The Committee reported as follows, which was accepted, and adopted: Primarii, Revs. John K. Allen, and John G. Fagg; Secundi, Revs. Joseph M. Hodson and Charles B. Chapin.

Subjects to be of their own selection.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to procure the printing of the usual number of copies (450) of the minutes of this session of Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be, and hereby are, tendered to the Pastor, Consistory, and Congregation of the Reformed Church of Jamaica, L. I., for the entertainment so acceptably tendered. And in particular, we desire to mingle with our thanks especial congratulations to the ladies, among whom the sometime lost art of hospitality has found its home.

ARTICLE XX.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer presented the following account, which was referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Account, and their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Treasurer's Account report that the Treasurer's Account has been referred to it; that the account, with the vouchers, have been examined, and found correct, and that there is a balance due the Synod of two hundred and seventy-four dollars and thirty-three cents ($274.33).

In view of the balance on hand, aforesaid, which the Treasurer suggests will probably be sufficient for the expenses of Particular Synod for the ensuing ecclesiastical year, we recommend the following:

Resolved, That the respective Classes of this Synod for the ensuing year be exempted from the usual assessment for Synodical purposes.

THOMAS O. LOWE, *Chairman.*

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Treasurer.*

1896. Dr.

May 16.	To Cash—Paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for stationery and postage	$4	46
"	" Paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for telegram to Albany		55
"	" Paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for traveling expenses		64
"	" Paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for Doorkeeper at Yonkers, N. Y	5	00
" 25.	" Paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for salary as Stated Clerk for year ending May 1st, 1897	100	00
Oct. 16.	" Paid Board of Publication R. C. A. for 450 Copies Minutes of 1896	149	35
1897.			
May 4.	" Balance due Synod to new account	274	33
		$534	33

1896. Cr.

May 6.	By Cash—Balance from old account	$175	33
June 10.	" From R. M. Shepard, Esq., Treasurer Classis of Hudson	27	00
July 14.	" From Rev. G. Edwin Talmage, Treasurer Classis of New York	65	00
Oct. 16.	" From Rev. Herman Hageman, Treasurer Classis of Kingston	36	00
" 24.	" From Nathan S. King, M.D., Treasurer Classis of Westchester	36	00
" 30.	" From Rev. J. S. Gardner, Treasurer South Classis of Long Island	55	00
Dec. 7.	' From Rev. M. T. Conklin, Treasurer Classis of Orange	54	00
1897.			
March 11.	" From Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D.D., Treasurer Classis of Poughkeepsie	28	00
April 8.	" From H. H. Shook, Esq., Treasurer North Classis of Long Island	58	00
		$534	33

E. E., NEW YORK, May 4th, 1897.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER,
Treasurer.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Arcot.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John Scudder, D.D., M.D., Rev. L. B. Chamberlain.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Mortimer Smith,	Elder J. B. Whitbeck,
" J. Walter Vaughan,	" John H. Patrie,
" David M. Hunter,	" Henry Miller.

SECUNDI.

Rev. George H. Burrill,	Elder H. S. Milham,
" Francis V. Van Vranken,	" Charles N. Harder,
" Philip Furbeck,	" J. W. Scott.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. E. C. Oggel, D.D.,	Elder N. Van Wagenen,
" Calvin E. Lasher,	" L. Hasbrouck,
" Herman Hageman.	" M. S. Davis.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Samuel T. Searle,	Elder S. F. Auchmoody,
" Joseph Millett,	" M. Oakley,
" John L. McNair,	" J. C. Dumond.

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Lewis Francis,	Elder William Boyd,
" James Demarest, D.D.,	" David Master,
" John Baumeister,	" Walter Greenough,
" John Hoffman,	" Nicholas Vander Berg,
" Joseph T. Duryea, D.D.,	" J. W. Vandewater.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. S. N. Demarest,	Elder Thos. H. Fredericks,
" Frans Hartig,	" Claus Gerken,
" August Guenther,	" H. Lyfers,
" Robert H. Barr, Ph. D.,	" H. H. Shook,
" John H. Smock,	" John L. Bogart.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. Ten Eyck Adams,	Elder J. H. Ditmas,
" Alfred H. Brush,	" Samuel Rowland.
" Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.,	" C. K. Buckley,
" William D. Perry,	" John Bingham.

SECUNDI.

Rev. F. C. Erhardt,	Elder Earl A. Gillespie.
" James M. Dickson, D.D.,	" J. H. Lant,
" Peter V. Van Buskirk,	" M. S. Scott.
" Benjamin E. Dickhaut,	" C. L. Rickerson.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Aaron Lloyd,	Elder W. P. Howell,
" Jacob Schlegel,	" Fred'k R. Hutton,
" Ashbel G. Vermilye, D.D.,	" Lewis Johnston,
" Henry M. Cox,	" Peter Donald.

SECUNDI.

Rev. William J. Harsha, D.D.,	Elder John S. Bussing,
" Alfred E. Myers,	" J. S. Anderson,
" Charles B. Chapin, D.D.	" W. W. Van Vechten,
" John G. Fagg,	" John C. Giffing.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. E. V. V. Searle,	Elder George W. Little,
" J. A. Thurston,	" C. C. DuBois,
" W. G. Myles,	" William Cortright,
" G. S. Garretson,	" L. A. Marthis.

SECUNDI.

Rev. T. D. Harris,	Elder W. H. Wintermute
" J. E. Bernart,	" Nathan S. Taylor,
" E. O. Moffett,	" A. S. Decker,
" H. Unglanb,	" Christian Eller.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D.D.,	Elder C. C. More,
" Charles W. Fritts, D.D.,	" H. B. Rosa,
" Charles S. Hageman, D.D.,	" John Place.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. Bancroft Hill,	Elder A. B. Van Wyck,
" J. Edward Lyall,	" E. A. Briggs,
" W. A. Dumont,	" T. A. Van Wagner.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. William P. Bruce,	Elder Francis Bacon,
" Joseph M. Hodson,	" N. S. King, M.D.,
" John K. Allen, D.D.,	" W. J. Charlton.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Joseph Gaston,	Elder John J. Linson, M.D.
" Joseph D. Peters,	" H. S. Seeley,
" James A. Morris,	" C. W. Van Cort.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in annual session in the Reformed Church of Fishkill-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., on the first Tuesday in May, 1898, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned after prayer, and the pronouncing of the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

(*Signed,*)

CORNELIUS L. WELLS, *President.*
EDWARD T. CORWIN, *Vice-President.*

ALFRED DUNCOMBE, } *Temporary Clerks.*
ERNEST CLAPP, }

DANIEL VAN PELT, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF THIS SYNOD SINCE THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTICULAR SYNODS, 1870-1897.

1870—Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D.....Yonkers.
1871—Rev. Goyn Talmage.... .. ..Flushing.
1872—Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D.....Rhinebeck.
1873—Rev. John A. Todd, D.D.....Tarrytown (1st).
1874—Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D.....Poughkeepsie (2d).
1875—Rev. John McC. Holmes, D.D.....Brooklyn (1st).
1876—Rev. David Inglis, D.D.....Port Jervis.
1877—Rev. Joachim Elmendorf..... .....Yonkers.
1878—Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D.D.....Newburgh.
1879—Rev. Charles I. Shepard.....Greenpoint.
1880—Rev. William Ormiston, D.D.....Mount Vernon.
1881—Rev. David Cole, D.D.....Montgomery.
1882—Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck.....Jamica, L. I.
1883—Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D.....Brighton Heights, S. I.
1884—Rev. David N. Vanderveer.....New York (South).
1885—Rev. Herman C. Berg.....Yonkers.
1886—Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.... ...Newburgh.
1887—Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D.D., M.D..Claverack.
1888—Rev. William H. Gleason, D.D. .....Kingston.
1889—Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D.....Poughkeepsie (1st).
1890—Rev. Lewis Francis .....N. Y. City (48th St. Col).
1891—Rev. James Demarest, D.D.....Tarrytown (1st).
1892—Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye, D.D.....Brooklyn (South Bushwick).
1893—Rev. John L. McNair.....N. Y. City (Bloomingdale).
1894—Rev. Ame Vennema.....New Utrecht, L. I.
1895—Rev. Charles W. Fritts, D.D. ... ...Fishkill, N. Y.
1896—Rev. Ferdinand S. Schenck, D.D.....Yonkers, N. Y.
1897—Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.....Jamaica, L. I.

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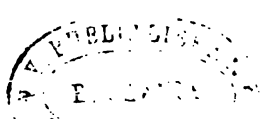

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PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK

THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE REFORMED CHURCH OF FISHKILL-ON-HUDSON, ON TUESDAY, THE 3D OF MAY, 1898, AT 3 O'CLOCK, P M., AND ADJOURNED AT 6 O'CLOCK, P. M., OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE SESSION.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by the retiring President, the Rev. Cornelius E. Wells, who also preached the Synodical sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from Mark 4:26, "And he said, So is the Kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.—

Classis of Hudson.—*Ministers*—George D. Lydecker,

Benjamin A. Bartholf, J. W. Vaughan. *Elders*—Peter F. Potts, Charles Miller.

Classis of Kingston.—Ministers—Herman Hageman, A. H. Schlieder. *Elders*—J. L. Snyder.

North Classis of Long Island. Ministers—Charles K. Clearwater, C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, D. D., Ernest Gutweiler. *Elders*—Claus Ohlandt, Andrew Waldmuller.

South Classis of Long Island. Ministers—Uriah D. Gulick, Nicholas Pearse, Alfred H. Brush, D. D. *Elders*—N. W. Brown, Thomas Gilbert.

Classis of New York.—Ministers—Alfred E. Myers, Joachim Elmendorf, D. D., Charles B. Chapin, D. D., Aaron Lloyd. *Elders*—J. S. Anderson, W. F. Layton, A. V. W. Van Vechten.

Classis of Orange. Minister—D. T. Harris.

Classis of Poughkeepsie. Ministers—A. P. Van Gieson, D. D., Charles W. Fritts, D. D., Abel H. Huizinga, Ph. D. *Elders*—Miles Scofield, H. E. Allison, M. D.

Classis of Westchester. Ministers—John K. Allen, D. D., O. L. Sigafoos, W. S. C. Webster, D. D., William P. Bruce. *Elder*—S. S. Keeler.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. Alfred H. Brush was elected President, and the Rev. Alfred E. Myers, Vice-President. The Revs. William P. Bruce and Charles K. Clearwater were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST.

The minutes of the session of 1897 were read. The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were not read, by unanimous consent.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were the Standing Committees:

On Synodical Minutes.—*Ministers*—C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, B. A. Bartholf, O. L. Sigafoos. *Elders*—A. V. W. Van Vechten, S. S. Keeler, Peter F. Potts.

On Classical Minutes—*Arcot*— ——— ——— *Hudson.*—Rev. J. Elmendorf. *Elder*—William F. Layton. *Kingston.*—Rev. Charles B. Chapin. *Elder*—Thomas Gilbert. *North Long Island*—Rev. N. Pearse. *Elder*—Charles Miller. *South Long Island.*—Rev. J. W. Vaughan. *Elder*—A. V. W. Van Vechten. *New York.*—Rev. C. D. F. Steinfuhrer. *Elder*—S. S. Keeler. *Orange.*—Rev. A H. Schlieder. *Elder*—J. S. Anderson. *Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. D. T. Harris. *Elder*—N. W. Brown. *Westchester.*—Rev. B. A. Bartholf. *Elder*—P. F. Potts.

On Classical Reports on the State of Religion.—*Ministers*—George D. Lydecker, A. H. Schlieder, W. S. C. Webster. *Elders*—J. S. Anderson, Claus Ohlandt, J. L. Snyder.

On the Treasurer's Account.—*Ministers.*—Nicholas Pearse, Alfred E. Myers, J. W. Vaughan. *Elders*—N. W. Brown, Wm. F. Layton, Charles Miller.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—*Ministers.*—A. P. Van Gieson, A. H. Huizinga, U. D. Gulick. *Elders*—Miles Scofield, Thomas Gilbert, Peter F. Potts.

On Nominations.—*Ministers*—J. Elmendorf, E. Gut-

weiler, D. T. Harris. *Elders*—N. W. Brown, A. Waldmuller, S. S. Keeler.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Rev. Wm. Wyckoff Schomp, Pastor, and the Consistory of the Reformed Church of Walden, N. Y., inviting Synod to meet in their church at the next regular session in 1899.

Accepted unanimously, with the thanks of the Synod.

A communication was received from the Stated Clerk of the Classis of Westchester, enclosing sundry applications from churches within its bounds for permission to be transferred to the Classis of New York, and stating that the former Classis "cordially concurs in their desire."

Referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

A communication was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, informing the Synod that the Rev. Herman Vanderwart had been appointed by that Board to present its interests to Synod at this session.

Referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

A communication was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, informing Synod that the Rev. J. H. Whitehead had been appointed by that Board to present its interests to Synod at this session.

Referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

A Communication was received from the Stated Clerk of the Classis of New York conveying a certified copy of the action of said Classis on the appeal of Richard S. Dey from the action of the Consistory of the Hamilton Grange Reformed Church; also the appeal and the reasons therefor of the said Richard S. Dey from this action of the Classis of New York to the Particular Synod of New York, together with the report of the Committee on Overtures (and Judicial Business) of said Classis on the

case; also the credentials of the Rev. Alfred H. Demarest as Commissioner of said Classis on the floor of the Synod in this appeal. Received also a communication from the Consistory of Hamilton Grange Reformed Church accrediting the Rev. Charles B. Chapin as their representative in the case on floor of Synod.

Referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to report as follows: The printed Minutes of the General Synod and of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago, New Brunswick and New York were placed in our hands. Your Committee discovered nothing in them requiring the special notice of Synod at this time.

C. D. F. STEINFUHRER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick, were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on Classical Reports on the State of Religion, reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Classical reports on the State of Religion would respectfully report:

That the reports of the several Classes have come into their hands. In comparing our work this year with that of last, your Committee has deducted the figures of the Arcot Classis from the statistical totals of last year in order to get at the gains and losses strictly as applying to conditions among ourselves.

While the spiritual condition of the Churches continues to be hopeful, a careful reading of the reports indicates that there has been simply a holding of the fort, as it is without any decided forward movement. While the great aim of the Church is to bring the gospel of Christ to all for conversion and edification, the results of this year's effort do not appear as clearly or as largely as we might desire. The failure is in our lack of earnest effort sanctified by faith and prayer. It is not in the Divine willingness to bless.

The results of all Christian service are ever with God. The obligations of that service ever press hard upon us. While in several Classes there is a loss in members received, yet the South Classis of Long Island has grown. We are glad to report larger contributions this year for the work of our Church, showing that the missionary spirit is growing.

We observe the following gains and losses: A loss of two Churches; a gain of five ministers; a gain of 1,014 members; a gain of 1,690 in the total enrollment of the Sunday Schools.

A gain of $1,950 contributed for Denominational purposes. A loss of $2,568 in gifts for other objects.

A loss of $39,862 for Congregational purposes.

The command of the Lord is ever to go forward. Faith in God and earnest, well-directed efforts under the guidance of the Holy Spirit will bring us better things in the future.

"The morning cometh."

"He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

The tabular statements and reports of the Churches of our Synod accompany this report and are herewith presented.

All of which is respectively submitted.

G. D. LYDECKER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

The Classical Statistics from the various Stations are encouraging and enable us to report spiritual, numerical and financial progress. In spite of dark Providences, God has been working amongst us and we have substantial tokens that He has not forsaken us. And as we look back on the year just ended, we render thanks and praise for all He has enabled us to do and endure.

The number of Churches remains the same as last year, but death has been busy among the Pastors. It will be remembered that while the Classis was in session last January, in Chittoor, Pastor A. Massilamoni died in Ranipet. At that time the Classis put on record its appreciation of his work and character as follows:

Resolved:

1. That it is with profound grief that this Clasis has received the news that Rev. A. Massilamoni passed away this morning at Arcot.

2. That we rejoice and thank God for his consistent Christian character, his earnest consecration, his useful life of so many year's service for the Master in our bounds.

3. That we commend to God's tender mercy and comforting grace the Church which has lost so faithful a pastor and the stricken family that has been bereft of so devoted a husband and father, and assure them of our earnest sympathy and prayers in their behalf.

4. That we pray the Lord of the vineyard to send forth into His vineyard many more such consecrated workers to till the field and gather the fruits.

JACOB CHAMBERLAIN, *President.*

J. H. WYCKOFF, *Stated Clerk.*

CHITTOOR, January 16, 1897.

Again, a second time at the January Annual Meeting of Classis are we called upon to record the death of another old and honest Pastor of the Mission, Rev. P. Souri, who rested from his labors on November 7th, 1897.

With these good brethren have gone much of the energy, eloquence and matured experience that helped to make the pastors a power in the extension of Christ's Kingdom within the bounds of this Mission. But we are glad that other young pastors are coming forward who can imitate, and may even surpass their good examples, and we hope soon to report that the places left vacant by these brethren, so recently deceased, have been filled from among them by young men of promise and power.

To be in the pastorate is to occupy the ideal position of a servant of God. Let the present occupants of the pastoral offices magnify their office and work, and let not any fail to enter the pastorate because of the amount or uncertainty of emoluments connected therewith. Every vacant Church is a call to competent men and he who declines the call should remember the words, "Him that honoreth me I will honor and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed." What should weigh above all material considerations is that God has called us to "preach" and "warn" and "teach every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."

Death has been busy, too, among our members, and forty-two have been carried off by ordinary diseases; but we should be extremely grateful to God that a larger number has not been taken, seeing cholera has been prevalent among us and plague not far distant.

Last year the General Synod's Committee on the State of Religion credited this Classis with being responsible for more than one third of the total suspensions in the Church. This year again the devil has entered into the hearts of sixty—twelve more than last year, and we are in danger of breaking the record and of again being impaled before next General Synod. As in last years' report, so in this, we pray that "God may bless to all such their discipline and speedily restore them to paths of righteousness

and to His fold." In addition to those removed by death and discipline, 178 have been dismissed to other Churches.

To offset these losses 149 have been added on Confession and 174 on Certificate—a total of 323. The total membership is now 2,208, a gain of 116 over last year. 278 infant and 119 adult baptisms, have increased the number of baptized adherents by 397.

Total of baptized non-communicants is now 3,633, a gain of 136 over last year. The unbaptized adherents number 2,570, a gain of 214 over last year. The total number of families is 2,016 and the total number of the congregation is 8,411, a gain of 466 over last year. The figures show a steady, though not large increase in almost all columns—including the "suspended" and "died!" The results are not large in proportion to the many organizations at work, but we believe there are many untabulated results which only the eye of God can see.

To mould these 6,203 baptized and non-baptized adherents into servants of God and to conform these 2,208 communicants to the image of God, is a work of the first magnitude. It means years, yea decades of faithful patient prayerful work amongst them, a constant application of the Word of God to their hearts by the Holy Spirit working through His sanctified servants, and all efforts will be in vain unless God sends forth His Almighty Spirit to enlighten and quicken. For this great work our sufficiency is in God alone.

One hundred and fifty-six Sunday Schools are in operation, thirteen more than last year and 4,810 scholars are under instruction—a gain of one. The importance of this work cannot be over-estimated. If the seed is faithfully sown in the hearts of the young, they will have the best antidote against the crushing influence of the heathenism and iniquities among which they live. When the importance of this work is recognized more, the teachers will prepare more carefully than some of them do at present.

The contributions for all purposes have increased this year by Rps. 373-10-9. The total amount reported is Rps 3,801-3-10, which amount does not include the benev-

olence of the Missionaries. Gifts from that source can be reckoned at the rate of Rps. 300 to Rps. 500 per station. Various reports speak of improvement in pastoral support. Tindivanam says that "notwithstanding the severe times both of the Pastors have received a better support than the previous year, the amount given by the people being larger than ever before." The native Pastor in Raphamur has been better supported by the people this year, as it has been necessary to draw only Rps. 33-6-6, or less than Rps. 3 per measure from the Mission. Vellore reports that the contributors of the Kolpalle group of villages have increased by 50 per cent. though "there has been famine scarcity in the district." Chittoor paid its Pastor his promised salary which was increased by Rps 2 from March last.

It is gratifying to be able to report this increase of pastoral support, but much needs to be done ere the pastors and people realize their personal responsibility. In too many cases the people do not want the Pastor because they do not want to be saddled with the responsibility of his support and, vice versa, in too many cases the Pastors do not want the people as they are afraid to trust to their tender mercies for support; there must be yielding on both sides if we are ever to attain self-support. The people and pastor must match each other.

The Pastors' Fund is a great help, but it is also a great hindrance in the way of self-support to both Pastor and people. The people do not want to raise the money, and do not try to raise the money, they think they can get from the Pastors' Fund, and the Pastor, however much his people can raise him, still expects a good donation from the Pastors' Fund. It is not very encouraging, and certainly nothing to be proud of, that after pouring in foreign money into the work for 43 years, we cannot point to one fairly self-supporting Church in our whole Mission. The first one to be seen will be a luxury to the eye.

Connected with the spiritual work of the Classis is the Y. P. S. C. E., a society that seems to be gaining in favor since the visit of Dr. Clark and the Madura Convention. Several new societies have been organized, and if

they survive their novelty stage they may be the means of developing spiritual life and Christian activity. If this society could succeed in developing voluntary workers among the villagers a great step in advance would be taken and many problems solved. The pledge lays stress upon the members taking an active part in the meetings in the way of speaking and praying. If they do this they will realize more or less that they are committed to Christian living and Christian example.

The Society stands for voluntary efforts to claim friends and neighbors for Christ. What a gain to this Mission would it be if the Society succeeded in raising up bands of voluntary workers—workers who would, as opportunities occurred, work for love's sake and without pay! We suppose we can count such workers on our fingers almost at present. Their scarcity is an evidence of very low spiritual life among us. Lord hasten the day when many shall say as Paul did, "For though I preach the gospel I have nothing to glory of, for necessity is laid upon me, yea woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." 1 Cor. ix: 16. An encouraging sign of the times is an appeal for voluntary evangelists in the "Christian Patriot." Again, through this Society, the gifts of the people might be increased and Pastors' Funds might be swelled by weekly offerings. What an objection some people have to giving anything for Mission purposes! When you lift the weekly offertory the amount is usually amazing in its smallness. And yet you will find the same people at all times and in all places most willing to bleed the Mission Funds of as large amounts as possible. There is a great lack of give-and take in this business, a decided want of reciprocity. As a Mission we have been giving out too much and expecting too little. But the time seems to have come in the history of this, and many other Missions, when, if voluntary workers are not raised up and larger amounts contributed by the people themselves, no forward movements can be made, as the Churches at home are declining to give more than will barely support the work in hand.

Before the next South Indian Convention meets in

Ranipet we hope and pray that the Societies of this Mission will be able to show a fair output of voluntary workers and voluntary gifts. I say voluntary gifts advisedly, as perhaps by far the largest sums collected now are those received on pay days—sums regarded by many as a kind of tax on salaries received.

But we do not intend to be pessimistic as substantial progress has been made along these lines, only the condition of things that now is, is not the condition of things that ought to be, and we pray that we may be redeemed as a Classis from many of our shortcomings during the year now entered upon.

JAMES A. BEATTIE, *Chairman*.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

Your Committee on the State of Religion respectfully presents the following report:

The consistorial statements from the majority of Churches manifest the presence of various retarding influences. Our financial and spiritual activity has consequently deteriorated. The ingathering of souls compares very unfavorably with that of last year, while our benefactions and amounts given for congregational purposes show likewise a slight decrease.

For other objects, we have given considerably more. Our report this year has been considerably affected by ministerial changes. Hudson has been vacant for more than a year, but rejoices now in a pastor. Removals from communities and general financial lethargy are potent factors. Yet all but three Churches report a deepening spiritual interest and a most hopeful outlook.

Improvements have been effected in Linlithgo at Livingston and in Germantown.

Philmont is sustaining her fine record and is also rapidly reducing her parsonage debt. We earnestly pray for the harmonious readjustment of all relations in two of our Churches.

Claverack reports a year of quiet churchly prosperity with no debts, a slight increase in benevolent offerings and no special spiritual awakening. Death has again claimed some faithful members whose loss is great. The loyalty of all is pronounced and general hopefulness is evident.

Gallatin's report shows a bare retention of her field. The attendance on morning service has been excellent, while that of the evening has diminished for which no remedy is known. The Y. P. S. C. E. which hitherto has been a strong adjunct has well nigh lost its power because of removals from the community and a tendency to escape burden-bearing. As an agreeable offset there are signs of re-invigoration in the increasing desire for growth and success.

Germantown sends a report evidencing increased temporal and spiritual vitality.

"Our experiences, being somewhat experimental, because of the necessity of renovation, call forth hearty recognition of the Divine Goodness.

We are rapidly approximating efficient organization which reveals itself in quiet regularity, intelligent interest in churchly activity, increased benefactions and very gratifying attendance on both Sabbath and weekday services. Our pew rental system has been changed to our marked financial advantage and the lighting of our Church is undergoing a fine improvement by the introduction of two large, beautiful reflectors.

These needed material improvements seem to acccelerate the spiritual activity and many are waiting to publicly declare that the Christian life is needed by man and demanded by the Lord."

Greenport reports thus: "Our Church has its full share of discouragements arising from the changes of population in our agricultural community, but there are several signs of encouragement for which we are thankful. There has been a marked increase in all the services. The Church needs to have the human interest excited,

touched by the Holy Spirit, so that it may become a Divine Power."

Hudson sends statistics, but no report but that of the regular maintenance of the various activities. Having been pastorless for fully a year, she has gladly welcomed the Rev. Charles Park, from Astoria, L. I.

Linlithgow, at Livingston: "This has been the most trying year in temporal affairs of any during the present pastorate. This has affected our beneficence, and in spite of all plans and efforts, our gifts fall short of other years. The amount expended for congregational purposes includes $800, used for the interior decoration of the church, money not contributed during the past year. Services have been regularly maintained and decided spiritual advancement has been made. The Y. P. S. C. E. has been a great blessing, and for all the evidences of God's blessing we give sincere thanks."

Livingston, at Linlithgow, is experiencing some unpleasant friction in her relations between pastor and people. The cause is not clearly evident, but we hope that it will be of short duration.

Mellenville sends statistics, without remarks, which reveal a deterioration of the forces of activity.

Philmont commences its report with expressions of deepest sorrow for the loss of Elder Chas. W. Harder, beloved for his faithful and wise activity and unstinted liberality since the organization of the church, six years ago. "The work of the year has been pleasant and harmonious with thorough organization of all the departments. Our apportionments to the Boards of Missions and Education have been more than met. While there has been but a slight increase in membership, still we feel stronger and confidently expect a year of blessing. We have great cause of gratitude to the great Head of the Church."

Upper Red Hook sends the following: "The services of the church have been continued another year. There

seems to be a perceptible falling off in attendance, but the results of effort are very meagre. The Gospel feels somewhere else than on the good ground of the sincere heart. The beneficence is far below that of last year. In robbing God we are also robbing ourselves, and prevent the opening of the windows of heaven.

While our hope is yet in God, we believe that the people must have a mind to work, to work together and more earnestly for all good results."

West Copake reports an increase of activity in temporal and spiritual affairs. The illness and consequent resignation of the pastor, the Rev. Philip Furbeck, caused deep sorrow, as he had labored most faithfully with the love and confidence of his people to encourage him. The people are united in their support of the incumbent.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. E. T. Corwin, D. D., and the Reformed Church of Greenport was dissolved July 26, 1897.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Philip Furbeck and the West Copake Church was dissolved July 26, 1897, and he has since been dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery.

The Rev. Charles E. Corwin was received September 21, 1897, from the Classis of Orange, and was installed pastor of the Greenport Church, October 7.

The Rev. David F. Williams was received September 21, 1897, from the Presbytery of Troy, and installed pastor of the Livingston Church at Linlithgo November 17. The candidate, William E. Cornflon, was received September 21, 1897, from the Classis of New Brunswick, and was ordained and installed pastor of the West Copake Church October 27.

The Rev. Charles Park was received March 14, 1898, from the Presbytery of Nassau, and was installed pastor of the Hudson Church March 31.

CHALMERS P. DYKE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

Your Committee on the State of Religion respectfully communicates that Consistorial Reports have been received from all the churches of this Classis and begs leave to submit their contents, in whole or in part:

Bloomingdale.—Our church is in spiritual health. We have received twenty-nine on confession and five on certificate. Others would have been received at the last communion, but were prevented. We have great reason to thank the great Head of the Church for his abounding grace.

The Clove.—This church comes with a song of thanksgiving, for signal blessings have been conferred. The March communion witnessed fourteen names added to the membership roll, all on confession. Another fact of interest has been the enlarging, renovating and beautifying the church edifice at High Falls, at an expense exceeding a thousand dollars, with no debt remaining. At Alligerville the interest is well maintained in church work, as shown by an increased attendance. The church maintains her Sunday schools in a most creditable manner. Notwithstanding the unusual expenditure our benevolent contributions are larger than last year. We paid our debts and have a little money in the treasury. We praise the Lord.

Dashville Falls.—Our church has enjoyed regular Sabbath services, morning and evening, during the past year, with preaching and a good average attendance. The Good Shepherd has watched over and cared for His little flock. Our numbers have been increased by seven, six on profession and one by letter. We have great reason for gratitude and hope.

Gardiner.—Statistical report only.

Guilford.—We acknowledge with gratitude the Divine favor and blessing. Eight persons have been received on confession. The attendance on the Lord's Day services,

prayer meeting and Christian Endeavor Society has been equal to that of preceding years. The Sunday schools have been marked by increasing zeal and enterprise. During the year the exterior of the church has been treated to a fresh coat of paint.

Hurley.—The increased attendance throughout the year, at the Sunday school and mid week services, together with larger and more willing responses to the call of Mission Boards and congregational work, leads to thankfulness, seeing God is abundantly blessing us.

Kingston Fair Street.—Only a partial statistical report.

Krumville.—We are getting on. There is a good attendance at the Christian Endeavor Society, and faithful work is being done in the Sunday school. We are well pleased with our pastor and hope that we may be able to retain him another year.

Lyonsville.—The gospel has been faithfully preached during the year, but we have not witnessed as good results as we have hoped. Yet we trust that, as a result of preaching and revival services, the seed that was sown will in due time spring up and bear fruit.

Marbletown.—We feel grateful to God for His goodness and mercy. Fifteen have been brought into the church on confession, with others to follow. This happy result is due in part to special meetings. At Kottekill the Reformed people have built for themselves a new chapel, having raised $1,045 for that purpose. Our ladies have been active, as is usual with them. The church has been newly carpeted and the exterior has been repainted, adding greatly to the appearance both externally and internally.

North Marbletown.—Statistical report only.

New Paltz.—All departments of our work have been maintained. The public services on the Lord's day have been attended by large congregations. There have been

additions to our ranks. The seven Sunday schools of our church have been kept up. We have contributed to all the Boards and funds of the church, for the Cuban sufferers, the "Amsterdam Correspondence" and other objects. The Christian Endeavor Society has contributed double the amount of last year for Home and Foreign Missions. The Ladies' Aid has nobly helped by a sum exceeding four hundred dollars. Nothing has occurred to disturb our Christian love and harmony. We desire more spirituality, a more thorough consecration and more abounding liberality. We thank God and go forward.

Rochester.—The spiritual condition of this Church is healthtul, but not remarkably progressive. The services have been attended with undiminished regularity, but the scattered condition of the congregation and the inability of many to be present at the regular Church services make it difficult for the Pastor and Elders to "look well to the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made them overseers." There are five Sabbath Schools and four C. E. societies, all exerting a blessed influence. The Church interior has been renovated with some repairs and painting upon the exterior. For all tokens of Divine favor we are grateful, while we look for constantly larger measures of Divine grace.

Rosendale.—Our Church is prosperous, and we are united. The Lord has blessed us exceedingly during the past year, both spiritually and financially. As we think of the separate organization on the Plains we rejoice that, since our last report, from the Mother Church there has come a daughter. Truly God has been with us.

Rosendale Plains.—Spiritually and financially the condition of our Church is good. The relation between Pastor and people is such as will be rewarded by God's blessing and prosperity. The Church was organized November 16, 1897. We hope to do better next year in contributing to Denominational objects.

St. Remy.—This Church is increasing in spiritual

interest, which gives reason to rejoice. Suspended members have been restored. All the services are well attended. The Sunday School is increasing in numbers and in influence for good. This Church also intends to enlarge her borders.

Reviewing the condition of our Churches, we find them in general in a healthy state of spiritual life and activity. It is evident that the Holy Spirit has been present with us during the year, nearly all the churches making mention of accessions on profession of faith. The love of the people for the house of God, in building, enlarging and beautifying, runs like a golden thread through the reports read. A new church, that of Rosendale Plains, has been added to our list and is prospering. Your Committee would earnestly invite all pastors and churches in this Classis to the last command of our Lord, contemplating a world-wide evangelization.

Your Committee would further state, that the pastoral relation between the Rev. Chandler A. Oakes and the Fair Street Church of Kingston was dissolved, this action taking effect March 1, 1898, and that the Rev. Frank B. Seeley has been engaged by the Consistory as Stated Supply. Mr. Seeley began his labors in this capacity on the first Sunday in April.

The Rev. Frank B. Seeley was received as a member of this Classis by certificate from the Presbytery of Otsego.

With profound sorrow your Committee would refer to the continued ill health of our beloved brother, the Rev. Edward Niles, and express the fervent hope, that the Lord may speedily restore him to health.

The pastoral relation between the Reformed Church of Gardiner and the Rev. Edward Niles, at the united request of Pastor and consistory, was dissolved.

The Rev. Chandler A. Oakes, was at his own request permitted to withdraw from the Reformed Church, and his name was ordered eliminated from the Roll of Churches.

E. C. OGGEL, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submit the following report:

With one or two exceptions there has been no marked advance this year.

Jamaica presents an excellent report from a well organized and well manned Church.

Old Bushwick shows that the revival spirit is still at work and Church organization developing. The pastors all express gratitude to God and faith in regard to their work. The additions to the membership fall far below the mark of last year, over one hundred less; this should excite serious thought.

There has been a gain in number of Sunday School scholars, and an advance of about one thousand dollars for other object than Denominational Benevolence.

Jamaica makes a most encouraging report. Goodly increase in membership, Sunday School attendance and all forms of benevolent contributions. A proposition to build a new chapel is on foot. The pastor though called to another field decides to remain here.

Newtown reports a year of the usual interest. Except unusual number received on confession; this being the largest addition in one year for some time. New sacramental furniture has been added and plans for redecoration are on foot.

The Winfield Mission sustains its good work.

Oyster Bay.—The list of Communicants has been carefully revised.

North Hempstead.—The loss of the Church edifice by fire has made necessary extra efforts in subscriptions reducing the benevolent contributions. The work in spite of the loss of the building has progressed favorably.

A prayer meeting at Great Neck has been started and grows.

Williamsburg.—No report.

First Refd. Astoria.—Seventeen dismissals have been made owing to removals. Many are pew holders who do not become members owing to uncertainty of abode.

Flushing.—Union Evangelistic services were held in January. Meetings largely attended. The Church anticipates renewed activities at the coming of the new pastor. The services have been all sustained and well attended since the resignation of the former pastor.

Kent Street, Brooklyn.—Nothing of special interest to report. All parts of Church work are carried on efficiently. The 50th anniversary of the organization of the Church and the 25th of the present pastorate are anticipated with pleasure.

South Bushwick.—No special features to report. Harmony and peace pervade the work.

Second Astoria.—Mentions the Ladies' Aid Society and the Sunday School as being of great value in the work of the Church. Good attendance and harmony mark the meeting.

East Williamsburg.—No report.

Queens.—Attendance at Sunday School has increased. A Morning Service Circle has increased the attendance at the Chant Service. Benevolent contributions have increased. Regrets that in contrast with last year, there are no additions by confession against nineteen last year.

German Evangelical, Brooklyn.—Reports a year of financial difficulty. The continued increase of Jewish population and the removal of those who can contribute to Church support, leave the Church in need and has made a mortgage necessary. The services have however been well attended. The Sunday School is in excellent condition.

Sayville.—Tells of a year of faithful work, but with-

out marked advance. The gain in membership was from the seceders in the neighborhood. The prayer meeting has shown the presence of the spirit.

Locust Valley.—Report that the ladies of the Church are its mainstay. The men are few and funds low. They have not, however, lost faith, but still hope for better things.

College Point.—Prospers along all lines. Many difficulties surmounted.

First Long Island City.—Harmony prevails. The Y. P. S. C. E. shows new activity. All services well sustained.

Old Bushwick.—A year of good success. Old debts have been cancelled. A new Sunday School Building is greatly needed and for the purpose $500 is on hand. Denominational benevolence will begin as soon as the necessary adjuncts are completed.

German Evangelical, Jamaica.—Expresses gratitude for fair conditions and good attendance. Catechumens have been instructed in the Heidelberg Catechism.

Hicksville.—Peace and harmony prevail. The ladies are working hard to prepare for a fair from which funds are expected to pay off the indebtedness of the last two years. The aim is to carry on the work without assistance from the Mission Board.

Second Newtown.—Advance in attendance, benevolence and membership.

The entire interior of the church building has been renovated. In addition to those received in the past year four young men await admission. The strong desire is to assume self-support.

Steinway.—A year of steady progress. Every department well organized and harmonious. Faithful women a great help.

Church of Jesus.—Expresses gratitude for being able to report a step forward. There is need of enlarging and finishing the church edifice. For the purpose, help is sought from the Domestic Board of Missions.

New Hyde Park.—Progress in all parts of the church work except the preaching service. The C. E. society is the banner society in the Local Union. The Ladies Missionary Society has grown in numbers and power. Mr. Claus Ohlandt devoted his entire time to holding special services during eight days in January. Meetings were good and of great profit.

Sunnyside, L. I. City.—A year of advance and of trial. The house where services were held was not weather proof. The furniture and books have been injured by rain. The congregation was compelled to seek other quarters. They now worship in a building formerly used as a hotel. Despite all difficulty, meetings have been well attended. Growth in the Sunday-school Sewing School begun. The Ladies Aid Society is helpful and growing.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The Rev. Daniel P. Doyle was ordained and installed pastor of the Sunnyside Reformed Church, Long Island City, on December 8, 1897.

The Rev. James Demarest, D.D., resigned the pastorate of the Church of Flushing, Long Island, and the pastoral relation was dissolved on December 1, 1897.

The statistical table is appended.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED DUNCOMBE, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submits the following report:

Communications have been received from all the Churches of the Classis.

One new Church—the German-American Reformed—has been added to the roll. One minister was dismissed to another Classis, and six were received and installed over their respective charges. The Divine blessing resting upon the work of the Churches, is attested by the encouraging number of additions to the membership during the past year, among which these are some notable instances—First Reformed, 66; South Brooklyn, 53; Bay Ridge, 62; German-American Reformed, 71.

Examination of the statistical table of the last year shows this comparative condition of the figures at the present date: total in communion, increase, 464; total enrollment in Sunday Schools, increase, 1,520; contributions for denominational objects, increase, $1,131.87; for other objects, increase, $4,409.29; for congregational purposes no comparison is made because of a failure of a report on this item from a number of our important Churches.

Extracts from the reports of the Churches are as follows:

First Reformed.—Statistical table.

Flatbush.—All the regular services of the Church and Sunday-school have been maintained as usual. The gospel has been faithfully preached, and the sacraments regularly administered. The services are well attended; the Sunday-school has increased in numbers, and the scholars are taught by a faithful band of teachers. The Mission of this Church, under the care of the Rev. William H. Boocock, is in a prosperous condition, and the attendance is as large as formerly.

Grace Chapel.—Great encouragement for the future is afforded by the marked growth of the surrounding community. Families are allying themselves with the congregation and the membership. The attendance at the Sunday services has been perceptibly larger than that of last year. The loss occasioned by the enforced retirement of Mrs. Gertrude L. Vanderbilt is keenly felt in all departments of Church work, but particularly in the Sun-

day-school, over which, for more than thirty years, she was the capable and beloved superintendent. The Sunday-school, however, is in excellent condition under its new superintendent, who is fulfilling the duties of this office with unusual acceptance and success. The Church Societies —Christian Endeavor, Ladies' Aid Society, Ladies' Missionary Society, Associate Committee and the Men's League—have rendered valuable assistance, and are of great promise in the work of the Church.

New Utrecht.—Zealous activity has been shown in all the departments of Church service. Additions have been made to the membership. The spirit of concord and charity has ruled in the social and spiritual life.

Gravesend.—Harmony, consecration and financial prosperity have been present throughout the year, and fruit gathering from among the young has gone steadily forward. All the accessions by confession have come from the younger element, and they are giving promise of enlarged usefulness.

Flatlands.—All forms of Church work have been well sustained, both in caring for the individual Church, and under the claims of the denomination at large. Much interest has been manifested in the Christian Endeavor Society, the Sunday-schools, and the Missionary Society, and good results have been attained by these and other agencies. The future is promising.

New Lots.—A year of quiet, steady work. The services of the "Week of Prayer" evidenced a deepening of spiritual life in the hearts of the membership. An excellent christian spirit prevails in the congregation generally. The Junior Christian Endeavor Society is large and flourishing. Weekly cottage prayer meetings have been held through the year. The Friday evening service has been better attended than heretofore. But revolutionary changes in the surrounding population prevent very sanguine expectations for the future.

East New York.—The Sunday and week-evening services have been well attended. The Sunday-school and the several societies of the Church are in good working order. The burden of city assessments has been heavy upon the Church and many of its families, yet, directly and indirectly, the people have given largely to the denominational and to other work.

South Brooklyn.—Lines of church work have been prosecuted with fidelity and success. The attendance at the Sabbath and mid week services has been most gratifying. The Sunday school has grown so large as to require the establishment of an advance department. The zeal and spirituality of the Christian Endeavor Society and the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies give promise of great helpfulness. We thank God for the past, and take courage for the future.

Twelfth Street.—Statistical table only.

North.—Increasing interest and attendance at the regular church services and the prayer meetings give great hope for the future. The faithfulness and efficiency of the young people in the Christian Endeavor work is especially encouraging. In membership the church is holding its own. Increased strength is manifested along the whole line. Old debts have been paid, improvements have been made in the church edifice, mission work has advanced, both in interest and contributions, and unity and harmony are present among all the people.

Church-on-the-Heights.—Statistical table only.

Bethany Chapel.—Statistical table only.

New Brooklyn.—A year of material and spiritual progress. The indebtedness of the church was reduced by the payment of $800 during the year, which reduction is encouraging under the circumstances. The societies of the church are all doing good work. Gratifying results have been reached in the Sunday school. All the services are well attended, and the spiritual life of the members has been quickened.

Second Flatbnsh.—New members have been added to the church, the services have been well attended, and the Sunday school has increased. Praise is rendered for the blessings of the past, and great things are hoped for the future.

Canarsie.—A delightful advance has been made, not only with reference to the regular services, the work of the Sunday school, and the various church societies, but with regard to missions, so that we have been in condition to contribute a respectable sum to the Boards of the Church. In every particular peace reigns throughout the congregation.

Bedford.—The pulpit is vacant and the President of Consistory reports the difficulty experienced in completing the necessary statistical table.

St. Thomas, D. W. I.—The Rev. James C. Hume, who was installed pastor of this church at a special meeting of Classis held July 19, 1897, reached St. Thomas about the middle of September, 1897, and has fulfilled his ministerial duties with great satisfaction to his people. The Church has been heartily united with him in all his earnest labors. The Consistory now includes four elders and two deacons. The congregations at the morning services number from 125 to 175; at the evening services 300 and upward; and the weekly prayer meetings 50 to 100 or more.

Ocean Hill.—Doing our best and looking to the throne.

Edgewood reports progress, with hopes for the future.

Ridgewood.—Statistical table only.

Greenwood Heights.—The services have been well attended. At the regular prayer meetings more than one-half of the active membership has frequently been present. A new basement has been added to the edifice for the meetings of the Christian Endeavor Society, the the Sunday-school, etc.

Bay Ridge.—Rejoices under the blessings of a large increase in membership, and extended growth and strength.

German American.—This Church was organized in October, 1897, and presents the statistical table only.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

On May 31, 1897, the candidate, Charles J. Scudder, was received from the Classis of New Brunswick, and on June 23 was ordained and installed pastor of the Church of Bay Ridge.

July 19, the Rev. Jas. C. Hume was received from the Presbytery of New York, and was installed pastor of the Church of St. Thomas July 25.

August 24, the Rev. Jacob Weber was dismissed to the Classis of New York of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The candidate, William J. H. Boeteker, was on October 19 received from the South Classis of Bergen, and was ordained and installed pastor of the German-American Reformed Church of Brooklyn, 26th Ward, December 6.

November 15, Rev. George R. Israel was received from the Presbytery of Waterloo, Iowa, and December 15 installed pastor of Church of Ridgewood.

April 19, 1898, Rev. George N. Makely was received from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Rev. A. M. Arcularius was received from the Classis of Albany.

J. L. ZABRISKIE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The report of the Committee on the State of Religion will be divided into four parts: I. Ministerial Changes. II. Material Extension. III. Spiritual Work. IV. Concluding Remarks.

I. MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

During the past year the Rev. John Lewis Clark has left the New York Collegiate Church and our Classis to become the pastor of a Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Chicago.

The relationship between the Rev. Thomas O. Lowe and the Brighton Heights Church has been dissolved, leaving the latter church without a pastor.

The Rev. G. Edwin Talmage has been dismissed to the Classis of Schenectady, thus leaving pastorless the church at Mott Haven.

The Rev. D. Junor has been received from the Brooklyn Presbytery as a member of our Classis, and made the pastor of the Huguenot Church.

The Rev. Clinton Tyler Wood has been received from the Presbytery of Dayton, O. Mr. Wood is now in Wellington, South Africa, as President of the Mission Training Institute under the direction of Rev. Andrew Murray. Mr. Murray writes: "Nothing I am sure will make you more glad than to hear that we are praising God every day for having given us the very man we need."

II. MATERIAL EXTENSION.

Church extension is neither rapid nor great in the Classis of New York, but during the past year some of the individual churches have made advancement along this line.

The Mott Haven Church has beautified its edifice by the placing therein of five stained glass windows, and has strengthened it by the building of steel walls.

The Hamilton Grange Church has refurnished its lecture room.

The Staten Island Church has begun the erection of a new building to be connected with the church, and to

be used by the congregation generally outside of the regular Sabbath services.

The Union Church of Highbridge has established a mission enterprise on Gerard Avenue, near 168th Street, placing it under the superintendency of a member of the congregation.

And the Norfolk Street Church has sold its old building down town and erected a new and commodious edifice in 68th Street, near First Avenue, thus virtually adding a new work to our Classis.

III. SPIRITUAL WORK.

This part of our report will be a condensed statement of the written narratives received from the various churches.

1. *Collegiate Church.*—In this Church with its several congregations and chapels the year has been uneventful. Three hundred and forty-six names have been added to the roll, of whom one hundred and seventy-seven came upon confession of their faith. On the whole it has been a prosperous year attended by the blessing of Almighty God.

2. *Harlem Collegiate.*—This Church reports a steady forward work, the utmost harmony and good will among the officers and membership, additions at every communion season, and the restoration to health of the beloved senior pastor.

3. *South Church.*—No striking events are reported, but a Church life that has pursued the even tenor of its way.

4. *Manor Chapel, South.*—The past year has been to this chapel one full of blessings, shown in increased attendance, an unusual number of additions and the encouraging condition of every department of the work.

5. *Staten Island.*—This Church reports a year of

continued prosperity, a larger number of additions than usual, and the new building referred to already.

6. *Bloomingdale.*—The energies of this Church are all bent in one direction, i.e., to the extinguishing of the debt of $50,000 upon the building, although the Boards are not to be forgotten.

7. *Madison Avenue.*—The year has been to this Church rich in spiritual blessings, with all the different organizations in more successful and vigorous operation than ever before. Special mention is made of the work at Bethany Chapel, where the field is a large and steadily growing one. An ordained minister is in charge as pastor, Rev. Mr. Lonsdale. To this work there are many departments and societies, organized to reach, and actually reaching every class in the community round about.

8. *German Evangelical Mission.*—This Church sends its report in a spirit of joy mingled with grief. It thanks God for the faithful few and for an active, zealous C. E. Society. And in spite of hard times and a greatly reduced number of contributors, it has managed to contribute to every Board. The note of grief is due simply to its discouraging environment, an environment which grows worse and worse. But althongh surrounded by a population from which it cannot be expected to secure a constituency, it is yet determined to hold the fort until its strength shall altogether fail.

9. *Huguenot.*—This Church so long pastorless, and at times almost abandoned, has now taken on a new lease of life. An active and acceptable man has been made its pastor, and it now looks as though it might yet do a greatly needed work in its community, if proper support and encouragement be accorded to it.

10. *Mott Haven.*—Here the year has been one of quiet but successful work. Some material advancement has been made, as reported in another place. The only regretful word comes from the severance of the long and

happy relationship between it and its late pastor, Rev. G. Edwin Talmage.

11. *Union, High Bridge.*—In this Church the services have been well sustained and the various religious and benevolent organizations carried on with the usual degree of interest and activity.

Evangelistic services are held regularly each week in the new Mission enterprise noticed above, in which there are already hopeful indications of gratifying spiritual results.

12. *Fourth, German.*—With this Church the year has been one of quiet waiting and working, and of the marked presence of the Lord, especially in the various devotional meetings. The fortieth anniversary of the organization of this Church will be celebrated on the 24th day of the coming May, and the entire congregation is now actively preparing for this interesting event.

13. *Prospect Hill.*—The Church has during the entire year kept its Church property in use for religious services, by permitting a society of very needy Christian people to work and worship there. After long and careful deliberation its consistory has decided that, owing to the provisions and intent of the last will of Daniel Fanshaw, it cannot approve of or consent to any transfer of its dedicated property to any place outside its vicinity, and that it is best to arrange for some form of Mission work within its territory, as soon as it is practicable so to do.

14. *Avenue B. German.*—From this Church comes an encouraging report of large additions, considering the many foreigners by whom they are surrounded. The Sunday-school numbers over 650, and is constantly increasing.

15. *Brighton Heights.*—No report.

16. *Union.*—No report.

17. *68th Street German.*—Owing to the recent move of this Church to its new building in 68th Street near First Ave., from which it receives its new name, the report is one of great joy and encouragement. During its short existence uptown, thirty-seven new members have been added, the Sunday-school work (German in the morning and English in the afternoon) has been constantly growing, and everything seems to be more prosperous than their highest anticipations.

18. *Kreisherville.*—This Church reports the gospel preached to the poor, the almshouse, hospitals and prisons visited, and a good work done among those out of employment. No contributions have been made to the Boards, as little work is being done in the factory which is the chief support of the community, and very small wages are received by those who do thus labor.

But six new members have been received, and the building of a new trolley line brings hope of an increase of outside people to the village and to the Church.

19. *Grace.*—Here the people are united and faithful, the services steadily maintained, the benevolent and social work successfully organized, and there has been an addition of thirty-eight new members.

20. *Hamilton Grange.*—The past year has been one of quiet, steady, spiritual and financial growth. The chief encouragement has been and is the enthusiasm, spirituality, and the unique Missionary interest among the young people. The chief discouragement has been and is the small and antiquated building, utterly out of keeping with the surroundings and altogether inadequate to meet the needs of the work and the demands of the community. The word "crisis" expresses the present condition of this Church.

21. *Church of the Comforter.*—From this Church comes the report of an apparent decrease in membership, but of an increased attendance. The spiritual tone of the Church is good. In a temporal way the energies

of the people have been directed towards the purchase of an excellent pipe organ, and with success.

IV. CONCLUDING REMARKS.

The decided impression left upon one from the reading of the various narratives is that the prevailing note is one of encouragement. Not that there have been unusual additions or great revivals—for of such there have been none and perhaps it is better so. But there seems to have been almost all along the line a steady, quiet, healthful growth.

Another remark relates to our Sunday-schools. Judging from the statistics sent, there has been a very slight falling off in the total number of teachers and scholars. This need be no discouragement, provided quality is being more emphasized than quantity, and we earnestly hope that this is so.

The last remark calls attention to the fact that during the past year there has been a very encouraging growth in Church membership and a corresponding advance in our gifts to denominational objects, over those of last year.

Remembering that the one great mission of the Church is to save and sanctify the lost here and in the regions that are beyond, it is certainly a cause of congratulation and of thankfulness to Almighty God that in this work so near and dear to the Saviour's heart our classis during the year just past shows a record of which we need not be ashamed.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES B. CHAPIN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

Your committee has heard from all the churches in the Classis with one exception. While the reports from the individual churches are not startling we note a gain along

several lines. The report of the number of families is somewhat larger than that of last year. The sum total of additions on confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is also larger than last year. Two more Sunday-schools are reported and there has been a gain in the total number of pupils enrolled over last year. Several of our churches have also received large accessions to their membership. Along with this, however, we have reason to mourn that the growth has been so slight. Some of the churches report no accessions whatever by confession while others have received only one or two, all of which should stir us up to greater effort and greater zeal and increased prayerfulness in the work of the Lord.

Your committee would also call attention to a slight falling off in the contributions both for congregational purposes and for benevolent work, and would impress upon both pastors and consistories the importance of keeping these matters well before their people. Several special collections will account for the apparent falling off in the contributions both to benevolence and to congregational purposes.

Berea has had a year of encouragements interspersed with trial. Several of her leading members have been called to their reward, which has had its effect upon the financial and benevolent work of the church.

Bloomingburgh.—To the church at Bloomingburgh the present has been a year of sowing rather than of reaping, only one new name having been added to our membership during the year.

Callicoon.—Statistical report.

Claraville.—Statistical report.

Cuddebackville has enjoyed the presence and the blessing of the Spirit. Six have made a public profession of religion. The attendance at the regular services has improved and contributions to benevolence have increased. Preaching service has been maintained in a neighboring village four miles from the church.

Deerpark has had the evidence of the Spirit's blessing upon her work. A special feature of the year's work has been the organization of a class of sixty-five under the direction of the American Institute of Sacred Theology, for advanced Bible study.

Ellenville reports that the introduction of English into the Lutheran Sunday school, while meeting with her hearty approval has caused a falling off in the number of her pupils.

Fallsburgh has enjoyed a season of refreshing under the leadership of H. E. Crowell, an earnest Bible worker. Some have united with the church. Others are thinking of doing so.

Grahamsville has nothing special to report.

Kerhonkson has had a good attendance at all religious services.

Mamakating has been supplied during the year by S. T. Clifton, a student from Union Theological Seminary.

Minnisink has been without a pastor since the death of Rev. Gilbert Lane, April 30th, 1896. For the past two years the church has been supplied by the Board of Domestic Missions with students from the Theological Seminary. Efforts are now being made to repair the church. Over one thousand dollars have been promised toward it.

Montgomery.—Statistical report.

Newburgh testifies to the benefit derived from faithful expository preaching by the pastor, which has not only interested the hearers but has greatly helped in maintaining the attendance at the regular services. C. E. work not only in the church but in the city seems to be losing ground. The S. S. however has been increasing in efficiency.

New Hurley reports an increased interest in church work. Her contributions to the Boards are increasing and her finances are in a better shape than for several years. Of the seven persons received into the church on confession of their faith in Christ, six were men.

New Prospect has made improvements in her church and parsonage property.

Port Jervis, 2nd.—The year has been one of toil and trial. The church has been greatly increased and strengthened by a season of refreshing which has not only added to the membership but has also had a corresponding effect upon the revenues.

Shawangunk has had the evidence of the approval and blessing of God in additions at each communion.

Unionville has nothing special to report.

Walden, which began the year without a pastor, has recently settled Rev. W. W. Schomp. Accessions to the church make it possible to report a net gain of five over all losses by death and dismissal. Extensive improvements have been made in the parsonage.

Wallkill has had a year of quiet work. The village having lost in population has affected church work in various ways.

Walpack Upper.—No report.

Walpack Lower has been passing through trials on account of the loss of part of the proceeds of her endowment fund. Notwithstanding, her congregations have been larger. While at Flatbrookville a new church building has been erected at a cost of about two thousand dollars.

Warwarsing has had its discouragements of various kinds. Notwithstanding, the finances of the church are

in a good condition. The attendance at religious services has been fair.

J. L. STILLWELL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully present the following report:

The reports from our various churches indicate that the year has generally been a quiet and uneventful one in which church work has been carried forward in the ordinary channels harmoniously but slowly. The additions on confession of faith have been more than last year; those by letter have been considerably less. The losses by dismissal and death have been less. The net gain is twenty-seven as against thirty-five a year ago. The Sunday schools have increased their enrollment a little. The contributions for congregational expenses, though less than last year, are about the average of a year when no church is making special improvements. The contributions for denominational objects are $471 less than last year, and are less than those of any year since denominational objects and other objects were made separate items in the annual reports. Evidently the pinch of hard times is still felt by our people.

The reports of the several churches may be summarized as follows:

First Poughkeepsie reports a year of faithful work in all departments, but regrets that the result in additions to the church has been very small.

Second Poughkeepsie on November 9, 1897, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with appropriate exercises. The work of the year has been pursued quietly and pleasantly, but the net gain in membership has been less than that of most recent years.

Fishkill has received great spiritual profit from the ordinary means of grace and also from special union services held for five weeks in midwinter which bore rich fruit in breaking down denominational differences; quickening the cold and careless, and bringing sinners to Christ.

Hopewell has had a year of steady growth along the usual lines of church work, and has made encouraging progress financially.

New Hackensack says, "Our figures vary but little from those reported a year ago. The regular means of grace have been employed faithfully; the various societies in the church are active; young and older members alike have been valuable aids to the pastor; and evidences of the Spirit's presence are seen in many lives."

Rhinebeck mourns the loss of valuable members, among them Elder Samuel Drury. The movement for systematic giving progresses slowly. The number added to the communion, though not as large as last year, is above the average for many years.

Fishkill-on-Hudson has had "a year not very different from many of its predecessors." The church has been fully organized for work, and has been active in many directions. Church services have been well attended.

Hyde Park has suffered the loss of a faithful pastor, and has been in the crippled condition of a pastorless church. But the pulpit has been regularly supplied, the various agencies of the church have been kept in operation, and there is hope of soon having once more the leadership of a pastor.

Glenham, besides the regular work of the church, has organized a Ladies Sewing Society which has been active in charitable enterprises. The children have been gathered together into a society for further religious instruction.

Cold Spring is still without a pastor; but the gospel has been faithfully preached by students from our Seminary. The Sunday school has increased in numbers and interest, the church property has been improved, the church is united, and a good spirit prevails.

Millbrook, while regretting the loss of many members, rejoices in evidences of a deepening spiritual life among the members of the church as well as among other attendants at its services. It feels that it has no reasons for discouragement but many reasons for hope.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Rev. J. Ferguson Harris was compelled, by ill health in January, to relinquish active work in his church at Hyde Park, and died at the residence of his daughter at Cherry Hill, N. J., March 14, 1898.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM BANCROFT HILL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

As on a previous occasion your Committee on the State of Religion is forced to preface its remarks by administering a gentle but earnest rebuke to some of the churches and consistories, who for some reason or other have failed to forward their reports in due season. This sad neglect of a bounden duty not only evinces a spirit of disrespect but also a lack of interest in the business of Classis which is to be deprecated.

On the other hand it is next to impossible to discharge our duties faithfully as a committee and give the reports of the various churches under the care of classis the time and attention that should be devoted to them. Much less is your committee in a position to submit as precise and accurate and as conscientious a report as your Rev. Body

might rightly expect. Let it be said right here that I have been forced to cancel an appointment with my dentist yesterday on account of your tardiness and gross neglect of duty and that I have suffered great physical distress and discomfort because of it.

We have received thus far, and this is Monday afternoon, only seven reports from sixteen churches. Some of them not even signed, not to speak of other defects. Brethren this should not be tolerated. When we reach this important juncture of our routine business we pause and invoke the blessing of the Triune God when there is nothing for Him to bless. Be not deceived, God is not mocked! And this is too solemn and too sacred a matter to be trifled with. Under such untoward circumstances it seems utterly impossible to determine and ascertain with any degree of exactness the true spiritual condition of the churches under our care.

From a general or rather superficial and hasty survey of the reports it would seem that the churches show to be, as a whole in a healthy spiritual condition. Particularly seems this to be true of the smaller and weaker churches. A slow but steady growth seems to be a happy and characteristic feature with them. They deserve both credit as well as commendation. The accessions on confession of faith are greater than last year which speaks volumes for the earnest and energetic work carried on by the faithful pastors who are ministering to their spiritual needs and necessities.

The financial status looks equally as encouraging while we notice a small decline amongst some of them in contributions for denominational objects there is a larger increase for congregational purposes.

From the remarks of pastors, appended to the statistical reports we glean the happy fact that peace and harmony prevail throughout all the churches under the immediate supervision of this classis; cause enough to be thankful for to the Great Head of the Church in these present days of cries for war and revenge. May the Great Shepherd of the flock continue to lead and to bless us

according to his assuring words: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Following are the individual reports:

Anderson Memorial of Belmont, N. Y. City.—The past year has been one of quiet effort in seeking the guidance and blessing of the Holy Spirit, and in the present condition of harmony and interest in the Lord's work, we see an encouraging outlook for the future.

Bronxville.—Statistical report only.

Cortlandtown.—Statistical report only.

Fordham.—The year in all branches of work has been one of the most gratifying and successful in the history of the church.

Greenburgh.—We are holding our own and are steadily growing. This winter we have been exceptionally successful in introducing several vital changes. Among other things we have reorganized our system of church finances. Since its organization our church was to a large degree, if not altogether, dependent upon so-called "church sociables" for its financial support. This pernicious custom has been a menace to both our numerical as well as spiritual growth for years and a scandal to the church at large. By the earnest and untiring efforts of our pastor, the hearty cooperation of the Consistory and the ready response of the congregation we have at last succeeded, and we trust in God forever, to efface the old system and inaugurate the new. Thus the present as well as the future prospects of our church look brighter and more promising than ever.

A series of special services held during the Lenten Season have been very helpful and edifying. The last service was rendered particularly solemn and memorable by the reception of several new members and the administration of the Lord's Supper. May God continue to bless and suffer His face to shine upon us and perform the good work which He hath begun in us.

Greenville.—The regular services of our church are usually well attended and we observe a little growth, but we hope for a greater manifestation of Divine energy in the bringing into the communion of our church the youth of the Sunday-school. The latter is in a most prosperous condition. Peace and harmony prevail in our part of Zion, while we pray that God will quicken us to a more earnest effort in helping forward the cause of our dear Redeemer.

Hastings-on-Hudson.—Statistical report only.

Melrose.—No report.

Mount Vernon.—Statistical report only

Park Hill, Yonkers.—The past year has been spent in a zealous effort to extend Christ's kingdom. Our liberality has been marked. The growth numerically is encouraging, still our internal strength has more than proportionately increased. Blessed be God for "sweet peace, the gift of God's love."

Peekskill.—We report a year of steady work. Union and harmony have prevailed throughout. There is slow but steady progress in the life of the church. Our growth is from within, from the children born in the church and the seed of the church. Our aim is to build up a Reformed church with its own peculiar doctrines and usages and we see the fruit in the growing loyalty of our children and young people of our church. The Sunday school is flourishing and the catechetical class a decided success. Financially we are depressed. The hard times still make us uncomfortable. The people stretch every nerve, yet the demands cannot be fully met. But the Lord has provided and will provide. Therefore we take courage and go on with our work in His name.

First Tarrytown.—It becomes our privilege to report again a good degree of prosperity. The various societies and organizations connected with the church show by

their reports that they have not been inactive during the year. The attendance at the services of the church indicates no lack of interest on the part of the people and our Sunday school reports additional growth. The necessity for enlarged accommodations for the school is becoming more and more urgent. During the year we have celebrated the two hundredth anniversary of our existence as a church and the book containing the account of the proceedings is to be issued by the press. Rejoicing in our great age, we are also glad of the evidences of unfailing youth, and would gratefully record the tokens of Divine favor we have received.

Second Tarrytown.—The results of the past year's work call for gratitude to God. A good spirit has prevailed. The services of the church have been uniformly well sustained. The finances have been satisfactory. The Ladies Missionary Society have been active in good deeds. A Young Girls Missionary Society formed during the year has been a help both to the members and to the cause of Christ. A Boys Society organized last fall has met weekly with the pastor; its object is under Christ to make them His faithful members, clean, useful and happy. The ladies of the church have furnished the latter with a new carpet and made other desirable improvements to the church property. By the will of the late Fanny Marveting the church has received a legacy of between two and three thousand dollars. "Truly the Lord hath done good things for us whereof we are glad."

Unionville.—Statistical report only.

West Farms.—Statistical report only.

First Church of Yonkers.—The first church is grateful to God for a rift in the great debt cloud of $72,000, which has hung like a pall over her whole horizon, revealing a silver lining that promises to break into a golden afterglow. Though we were faint, we are yet pursuing, for the Lord hath been mindful of us and will bless us.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

July 30th, 1897, T. E. Inglis was received from the South Classis of Bergen and October 5, 1897, installed pastor of the First Reformed Church of Yonkers. July 30, 1897, Rev. C. H. Tyndall was received from the Presbytery of New York, and September 7, 1897, installed as pastor of the Reformed Church at Mt. Vernon. October 19, 1897, Rev. J. A. Norris was dismissed to the Presbytery of Nassau. December 21, 1897, Rev. J. D. Peters was released from the pastorate of the Reformed Church of West Farms and dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery. July 1st, 1897, Rev. John Rockwell died. March 15, 1898, Rev. Wm. Brush died. July 5, 1897, Rev. Frank Scudder was released from the pastorate of the Reformed Church of Mt. Vernon in order to labor in Japan. May 24, 1897, Mr. J. E. Forbes was licensed to preach the Gospel and dismissed to the Classis of Saratoga. May 24, 1897, Rev. O. L. Sigafoos was received as a candidate on presenting a license from East Pennsylvania Synod of Lutheran Churches and after due examination received, and on June 14, 1897, ordained to the Christian ministry and installed pastor of the Hastings Reformed Church. June 14, 1897, Rev. W. S. C. Webster was received from Presbytery of Nassau and September 15, 1897, installed as pastor over the Bronxville Reformed Church. August 31, 1897, Rev. Dr. David Cole was released from the pastorate of the First Reformed Church of Yonkers, N. Y. April 19, Rev. Joseph Gaston was dismissed to the Classis of Poughkeepsie.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. W. T. GOEBEL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C.C.& S.S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent, Denominational Objects. R. A. P.	Other Objects. R. A. P.	Congregational. R. A. P.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Arcot	Lewis R. Scudder	59	9	19	16	...	6	88	7	2	204	10	6	536	187 6 2	.....	144 15 ..	Ranipettai, Madras Pres., In.
Yehamur	Abraham Muni	380	3	26	24	9	1	250	31	20	569	749		521	102 2 6	.....	189 9 6	" " "
Arni	E. C. Scudder, Jr	41	15	12	1.	7	2	92	6	1	101	11	7	412	... .	174 3 1	113 14 2	Arni, N. A.
Allendal	"	22	2	...	...	...	...	27	2	...	55	21		36	....	4 6 3	2 8 .	" " " "
Marutuvambadi	"	36	6	3	4	...	..	28	6	4	40	94	3	71	....	18 8 8	13 . ..	" " " "
Vellambi	"	15	...	1		...	...	24	3	...	40	1	1	18	....	4 15 5	6 7 11	" " " "
Gnanodiam	Moses Nathaniel and E. C. Scudder	67	2	9	14	...	2	101	11	...	171	29	6	200	... .. .	32 15 2	19 6 3	Chetpett, " " "
Sattambadi	"	31	...	1	1	1	2	37	...	...	93	11	2	43	....	7 2 5	10 1 9	" " " "
Coonoor	E. C. Scudder, Jr.	63	...	...	7	3	...	101	5	1	138	3	5	204	....	105 5 4	103 .. 7	Arni, " " "
Chittoor	J. Yesuratnam	107	13	12	19	1	3	97	22	3	137	190	16	398	84 8 7	.. .. ..	321 3 11	Chittoor, " " "
Madanapalle	John Souri & Jos. John	191	22	14	5	...	2	142	11	33	376	273	12	673	51 11 2	55 8 ..	347 15 1	Madanapalle, " "
Palmaner	....	24	...	16	5	...	...	57	3	...	66	13	5	182	81 14...	7 1 ..	120 15 5	Palmaner, N.A. " "
Vellore	S. A. Sebastian	54	5	9	19	1	4	108	9	...	156	8	2	189	106 5 2	44 14 10	130 14 9	Vellore, " " "
Kandiputtur	Isaac Lazar	119	..	3	3	...	1	135	8	2	144	150	6	149	39 10...	....	41 15 4	Tiruvallam, NA " "
Sekadu	"	81	1	2	10	...	5	98	9	2	100	82	3	74	7 10...	... .	34 4 11	" " " "
Katpadi	Benjamin Thomas	152	2	12	8	...	4	150	15	5	255	172	9	234	36 13 .	....	115 14 3	Katpadi, " " "
Kottapalli	"	109	2	5	4	1	1	75	5	4	124	174	9	214	29 2 9	... .	67 6 5	" " " "
Tindivanam	J. H. Wyckoff (s.c.) & Meshach Peter	40	21	14	6	5	...	78	26	21	158	4	6	342	177 9 2	19 1 7	226 14 11	Tindivanam, S.A., M. P., In.
Orattur	Paul Bailey	74	2	4	6	9	4	88	3	...	122	115	6	116	22	....	26 4 1	Villipuram, " " "
Velleripett	"	68	5	4	2	3	...	69	6	5	110	109	6	59	10 14 ..	....	21 15 ..	" " " "
Narasinganur	"	77	11	2	6	15	2	99	20	10	136	75	5	35	13 8 ..	....	26 3 ..	" " " "
Varikkal	John Peter	47	10	2	2	2	2	76	14	11	106	25	4	65	27 12 ..	....	22 .. .	Gingee, " " "
Kolapakam	"	113	14	4	...	3	1	123	28	14	161	203	7	136	14 4 ..	....	28 1 10	" " " "
Gingee	"	46	4	1	4	...	...	65	6	3	71	48	3	53	12 12 ..	....	23 5 1	" " " "
	Total	2016	149	175	184	60	42	2208	256	141	3633	2610	156	4960	1005 14 6	474 1 9	2158 5 2	

Other Ministers.—J. Chamberlain, M.D., L. B. Chamberlain, Madanapalle, India; W. I. Chamberlain, in America; John Scudder, M.D., and H. J. Scudder, Vellore, India; J. A. Beattie, Chittoor, India; H. Huizinga, Arcot, India; E. Tavamani, Palmaner, India.

Candidates.—S. Santosham, J. Selvam, S. Chellan, Elias Nathaniel, N. Jotinayakam, John Wilkins, J. M. Soondram, David Muni, Cephas Whitehead, Simeon Cornelius, Jepamani Aaron, J. Solomon, J. Daniel, P. Timothy, T. Samuel, J. I. David.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C.C.& S.S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First Claverack	George H. Burrill	110	6	2	2	...	4	250	4	2	....	....	‡4	286	$ 491 43	$ 104 09	$ 1,411 10	Claverack, Col. Co., N.Y.
Galatin	Benjamin A. Bartholf	68	3	...	1	...	3	108	6	1	....	....	1	60	39 49	.....	683 41	Mt. Ross, Dutchess Co., "
Germantown	Chalmers P. Dyke	114	6	5	1	...	2	178	2	..	....	170	1	212	319 70	21 25	1,500 00	Germantown, Col. Co., "
Greenport	Charles E. Corwin	102	8	...	1	...	1	155	12	3	....	4	2	125	152 20	5 70	1,195 79	Greendale, "
Hudson	Charles Park	1270	4	2	5	...	4	417	...	2	...	....	1	228	1,288 00	993 00	3,211 00	Hudson, "
Linlithgo	Jonah W. Vaughan.	71	2	...	2	...	2	*173	1	1	41	75	1	125	142 00	30 00	§2,136 00	Lvingston, "
Livingston at Linlithgo.	David F. Williams	73	2	3	4	2	1	*96	2	...	....	30	2	201	27 13	7 44	721 89	Linlithgo, "
Mellenville	David M. Hunter	100	10	2	3	...	5	214	1	5	44	....	1	161	160 21	4 00	1,444 55	Mellenville, "
Philmont	Francis V.Van Vranken	118	2	7	5	...	3	246	2	1	36	100	1	209	709 14	126 31	2,361 00	Philmont, "
Upper Red Hook	George D. Lydecker	60	1	...	...	...	2	139	3	...	....	40	1	70	189 95	52 14	†1,100 00	UpperRedH'k,Dutch.Co. "
West Copake	William E. Compton	94	14	7	9	...	1	*112	10	8	80	148	1	148	190 07	.....	1,160 47	West Copake, "
	Total	1180	58	28	33	2	28	*988	43	23	201	567	16	1825	3,839 00	1,343 93	16,925 00	

Other Minister.—E. T. Corwin, Amsterdam, Netherlands; Frederick K. Schibel, 304 N. Howard Street, Baltimore, Md.; Mortimer Smith, Saugerties, N. Y. ‡ Three are Union Schools. § $800 for church repairs. † $900 for Parsonage Fund. * Revised List. ‡ Families by Report of 1896.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C.C.& S.S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent, Denominational Objects.	Benevolent, Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Bloomingdale	Joseph Millett	150	29	5	.	...	3	281	18	7	....	325	1	350	$ 75 00	$ 20 00	$ 850 00	Bloomington, Ulster Co., N.Y.
The Clove	Herman Hageman (s.c.)	160	18	1	10	...	6	326	17	11	280	100	3	375	463 79	106 04	2,576 19	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	Supplied	40	6	1	2	...	1	83	1	4	...	....	1	40	6 75	.....	368 00	Rifton Glen, " "
Gardiner	Vacant	72	6	4	4	...	2	124	4	4	....	126	1	126	128 00	5 52	1,702 34	Gardiner, " "
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher	70	18	4	3	...	.	117	3	8	89	65	2	121	42 50	35 00	823 00	Libertyville, " "
Hurley	A. H. Schlieder	74	4	5	3	...	3	182	5	2	47	30	1	82	241 01	13 12	1,391 84	Hurley, " "
Kingston, Fair Street	F. B. Seeley (s.s.)	210	14	5	...	...	6	300	...	...	....	...	1	297	210 12	170 98	2,800 00	Kingston, " "
Krumville	Supplied	25	...	...	...	...	2	78	2	...	40	12	1	85	13 79	.....	210 21	Krumville, " "
Lyonsville	Supplied	41	...	...	...	...	5	75	1	...	....	....	1	80	4 85	.....	295 25	Kripplebush, " "
Marbletown	George Davis	93	15	5	...	...	3	204	3	2	...	....	2	175	143 20	9 25	1,830 48	Stone Ridge, " "
Marbletown, North	George Davis (s.s.)	50	..	...	1	..	2	106	1	...	....	....	2	70	39 81	.....	280 00	Stone Ridge, " "
New Paltz	E. C. Oggel	272	18	10	7	1	6	570	12	7	400	100	7	560	569 63	117 92	2,882 68	New Paltz, " "
Rochester	John L. McNair	120	7	1	4	...	6	200	7	5	57	....	5	357	119 92	13 67	1,569 25	Accord, " "
Rosendale	William Combe	100	25	1	+66	...	3	245	26	13	....	....	1	200	5 00	5 00	2,032 30	Rosendale, " "
Rosendale Plains	William Combe	10	19	66	...	...	...	85	2	...	....	....	1	105	1 87	.....	357 49	Rosendale, " "
St. Remy	Joseph Millett	60	2	...	1	...	1	119	...	...	....	20	1	131	15 64	.....	450 00	Bloomington, " "
	Total	1587	181	108	101	1	49	3095	102	63	913	778	31	3154	$2,080 88	$496 50	$20,409 03	

Other Ministers.—Paul T. Deyo, Krumville, N. Y.; Edward Niles, York, Pa.; **James Cantine, Missionary; Samuel T. Searle, New Brunswick, N. J.; J. R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, N. Y.**

Candidates.—**Eugene H. Keator, Rosendale, N. Y.**

† To form the new church at Rosendale Plains.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C.C.&S.S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jamaica	Edgar Tilton, Jr.	200	16	13	6	...	5	400	11	3	....	....	2	350	$ 1,008 00	$ 350 00	$ 4,300 00	Jamaica, L. I , N. Y.
Newtown	Charles K. Clearwater	130	11	2	...	...	3	210	3	...	....	....	2	360	196 85	30 00	3,055 85	Elmhurst, " "
Oyster Bay	Walter T. Scudder	98	10	1	2	...	1	132	4	7	...	40	1	80	173 61	16 85	973 00	Glen Head, " "
North Hempstead	Alfred Duncombe	68	1	3	...	...	1	149	5	...	....	....	2	125	99 11	32 54	1,541 50	Manhasset, " "
Williamsburg	Joseph T. Duryea	†103	13	6	7	...	2	310	...	4	....	....	1	300	220 00	594 66	6,655 75	134 Keap St , Brooklyn, N.Y.
Astoria	Daniel Van Pelt	130	...	3	17	...	3	156	11	...	....	100	1	225	55 36	.....	1,800 00	80 Remsen St., Astoria, "
Flushing	Vacant	114	...	7	8	...	2	228	...	...	....	....	2	330	1,141 25	375 00	4,380 25	Flushing, "
Kent Street, Brooklyn	Lewis Francis	188	9	7	7	...	5	422	28	2	....	....	2	893	1,535 55	14 00	5,561 74	143 Noble St., Brooklyn, "
South Bushwick	George D. Hulst	200	14	5	6	...	4	479	42	5	....	....	2	1300	252 25	194 49	4,221 94	15 Himrod St., " "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	100	12	...	...	...	5	293	70	...	....	25	1	300	133 00	154 00	1,385 00	520 Second Ave., Astoria, "
East Williamsburg	Vacant	12	17	...	...	...	...	50	5	2	....	....	1	190	.....	.....	544 70	.....
Queens	J. S. N. Demarest	80	...	1	6	...	...	150	2	...	....	150	1	184	335 91	108 00	1,916 58	Queens, L. I., N. Y.
German Ev., Brooklyn	John C. Guenther	‡300	...	4	...	...	15	345	160	10	....	120	2	855	100 00	5 00	2,500 00	56 Union Av., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Sayville	John Hoffman	64	8	...	4	...	2	113	13	...	....	30	1	125	65 84	6 90	813 27	West Sayville, L. I., "
Locust Valley	John H. Smock (s.s.)	28	...	...	...	...	1	31	2	...	....	15	1	118	44 16	65 22	360 43	Glen Head, " "
College Point	John Baumeister	100	5	2	5	...	1	144	17	1	....	104	1	172	353 47	63 05	1,965 54	College Point, " "
First, L. I. City	Alexander Shaw	50	4	...	1	...	...	75	30	1	....	90	1	120	76 18	15 21	883 81	102 Academy St., L. I. City.
Bushwick	Vacant ‖	200	23	4	3	1	3	350	15	4	....	...	1	400	.....	20 00	2,350 00	322 S. 5th St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
German Ev. Jamaica	Franz Hartig	56	7	...	...	...	6	150	49	...	....	10	1	172	.....	.....	1,610 43	Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.
Hicksville	Ernest Gutweiler	70	1	2	3	...	...	67	...	...	....	100	1	140	5 00	.....	780 00	Hicksville, " "
2d, Newtown (German)	August G. F. Bender	57	6	...	...	...	...	118	20	1	8	....	1	81	20 00	21 50	896 70	Newtown, " "
Steinway	Uriah D. Gulick (s.s.)	....	4	2	1	...	...	77	...	13	11	...	1	390	.....	472 00	2,028 00	Steinway, " "
Church of Jesus, Bklyn.	August Guenther	67	6	...	1	...	...	103	40	...	....	90	1	260	16 00	.....	1,100 00	15 Central Pl. Brooklyn.
New Hyde Park	D. E. Van Gieson (s.s.)	21	...	2	...	...	3	33	1	...	....	....	1	208	8 50	14 62	665 00	Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.
Sunnyside, L. I. City	Daniel P. Doyle	35	3	1	...	...	...	28	5	1	....	....	1	130	28 30	.....	600 00	157 Skillman Av., L. I. City
	Total	2471	170	65	77	1	62	4613	533	54	19	874	32	7808	$ 5,868 34	$ 2,487 82	$ 52,529 66	

Other Ministers.—E. R. Atwater, 131 Clymer Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. H. Ten Eyck, (s.c.), 159 West 92d Street, New York City; Robert H. Barr, Newburgh, N. Y.; M. V. Schoonmaker, West Chester, Pa.; James Demarest, 360 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Candidate.—Herman H. Shook, 99 Nassau Street, New York City.

‖ Supplied. † Last Year's Report. ‡ Last Year's Report of Families.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C.C. & S.S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent, Denominational Objects.	Benevolent, Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First Reformed	James M. Farrar	336	38	28	8	...	8	825	30	12	....	...	2	1246	$ 1,632 41	$ 5,846 09	.....	857 President St., Brooklyn.
Flatbush	Cornelius L. Wells	145	9	7	6	...	5	†447	7	...	238	150	1	475	2,569 00	2,105 00	.....	900 Flatbush Av., " N.Y.
Grace Chapel	William H. Boocock	100	3	6	...	...	...	....	8	...	....	....	1	206	108 30	.....	$ 768 30	199 Lincoln Road, " "
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	100	7	16	10	...	2	323	10	2	...	75	1	380	2,120 17	140 00	4,906 37	7920 18th Av., " "
Gravesend	Peter V. Van Buskirk	120	11	1	10	...	6	253	18	...	....	....	3	483	768 69	200 00	4,000 00	Station M., " "
Flatlands	John S. Gardner (s.c.)	87	9	5	1	...	4	201	11	...	....	40	2	276	528 61	261 17	2,951 96	44 Kowenhoven Pl., " "
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	80	8	2	6	...	5	226	17	1	....	50	1	386	468 99	82 00	2,400 00	New Lots Av., Sta. E., " "
East New York	James M. Dickson	160	14	2	8	...	2	279	8	2	...	....	1	442	164 43	910 00	4,330 00	53 Vermont Av., " "
South Brooklyn	Benj. E. Dickhaut	225	21	22	24	...	3	408	26	5	....	360	1	675	470 00	465 00	3,255 00	165 52d Street, " "
12th Street	John E. Lloyd	335	30	15	10	1	4	860	40	8	200	400	1	1400	451 55	1,390 00	6,010 00	806 Carroll Street, " "
North	Evert Van Slyke (s.s.)	108	...	4	9	...	...	194	1	...	....	....	1	180	106 00	96 00	2,010 00	403 Washington Av., " "
Church-on-the-Heights	J. Douglas Adam	140	6	18	3	...	8	238	..	2	...	....	1	74	1,567 00	3,833 00	9,456 00	72 Willow Street, " "
Bethany Chapel	George N. Makely	98	30	1	2	...	2	200	16	...	....	....	1	425	190 00	516 00	882 00	125 Vanderbilt Av., " "
New Brooklyn	Fred. C. Erhardt	130	20	...	2	...	20	345	80	...	...	18	1	273	97 00	61 00	3,619 00	1062 Herkimer St., " "
Second Flatbush	Louis Goebel	50	7	...	...	...	1	....	6	...	..	11	1	125	18 00	3 50	1,107 56	Church Ave., " "
Canarsie	John Ficken	23	4	..	...	...	1	100	17	...	15	10	1	78	128 00	25 00	1,101 00	Canarsie, " "
Bedford	Vacant	17	...	...	10	...	1	22	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Thomas, W. I.	James C. Hume	70	2	...	...	...	4	75	3	...	....	30	1	98	.....	.....	986 00	St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Ocean Hill	A. Messler Quick	60	3	...	7	.	1	143	3	..	...	60	1	200	20 00	30 00	.....	56 Seventh Av., Brooklyn.
Edgewood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams	40	4	3	3	..	1	87	6	2	31	....	1	225	85 00	25 00	1,250 00	Station K, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Ridgewood	G. R. Israel	50	3	...	2	...	..	33	20	...	17	....	1	200	20 50	.....	900 00	.....
Greenwood Heights	A. P. Stockwell (s.s.)	20	3	3	1	...	2	‡61	6	...	....	....	1	112	54 31	.....	1,043 46	145 Berkeley Pl., Brooklyn.
Bay Ridge	Chas. Judson Scudder	60	33	29	...	...	1	90	4	8	35	171	1	236	.....	.....	.....	2d Av. and 80th St., " N.Y.
German Amer. Reform'd	Wm. J. H. Boetcker	62	111	2	2	...	...	111	4	...	18	5	1	103	.....	6 00	1,154 06	507 Chestnut St., " "
	Total	2606	376	174	124	1	80	5521	341	42	639	1380	26	8298	$11,667 96	$15,994 76	$ 52,130 71	

Other Ministers.—Daniel Rapalje, Amoy, China; John Mason Ferris, Editor "Christian Intelligencer," Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Uriah D. Gulick, Steinway, L. I. City; D. N. Vanderveer, Greenport, L. I.; Walter T. Griffin, Limoges, France, U. S. Consul; Edwin F. See, Y. M. C. A., 502 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; J. L. Zabriskie, Flatbush, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. R. Davis, Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. D. W. Mason, Editor "Mission Field," 25 E. 22d Street, N. Y. City.; H. T. Jones, Bergen Point, Bayonne, N. J.; A. M. Arcularius, 408 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

† Including 147 Members of Grace Chapel. ‡ Revised List.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C.C. & S.S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent, Denominational Objects.	Benevolent, Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Fifth Av., Collegiate...	Edward B. Coe.....																	42 W. 52d St., N. Y. City.
Marble Collegiate.....	David J. Burrell																	248 W. 75th St., "
....	Alfred E. Myers, Asst.																	309 W. 70th St , "
West End Collegiate...	Henry E. Cobb.....																	370 West End Av., "
Middle Collegiate.	John G. Fagg.....	1909	177	169	55	...	32	3591	92	20	....	654	8	3489	$40,021 67	$ 6,984 70	.....	50 E. 7th St., "
University Heights Coll	Ferdinand S. Schenck																	University Heights, "
North Church Chapel..	.....																	
Thirty-fourth Street....	.....																	
Knox Mem. Chapel.....	William Vaughan....																	514 Ninth Ave., "
Vermilye Chapel.....	.....																	
Harlem Collegiate....	Joachim Elmendorf.. Frank Malven, Asst.. William J. Harsha...	..	48	61	44	...	8	1618	46	15	....	450	2	1175	2,717 39	3,925 61	.....	35 Mt. Morris Ave., " 60 W. 119th St., " 269 Lenox Ave., "
South	Roderick Terry.....	240	5	1	3	...	1	270	2	1	90	90	2	225	6,700 00	3,000 00	$10,000 00	169 Madison Ave., "
Manor Chapel (South)..	James Palmer...	200	40	4	2	...	2	261	19	3	160	75	2	425	150 00	150 00	1,000 00	272½ N.7th St., Newark, N.J.
Staten Island.....	Alfred H. Demarest ...	180	22	10	6	...	10	373	17	7	....	225	2	600	769 96	183 39	5,810 00	Port Richmond, S. I.
Bloomingdale.....	Madison C. Peters.....	....	31	15	3	..	...	375	43	6	....	13	2	700	.....	1,500 00	14,000 00	B'way and 68th St., N. Y. C.
Madison Avenue.....	Abbott E. Kittredge.. .	320	48	37	41	...	10	1320	18	7	...	....	2	1313	5,120 79	14,780 46	25,699 50	711 Park Ave., "
German Evang. Mission	Julius W. Geyer.....	60	20	...	4	1	7	240	25	2	.. .	11	2	360	230 00	899 14	1,023 88	78 Second St., "
Huguenot	David Junor.....	55	11	5	...	...	1	39	5	1	....	....	1	86	40 00	.....	.....	Sea Side, S. I.

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Mott Haven	.....	100	6	9	15	...	10	203	29	...	150	200	2	500	$ 270 39	$ 100 00	.....	.....
Union, High Bridge	Henry M. Cox	135	7	7	5	...	3	203	12	1	96	162	1	308	674 01	321 30	$ 3,194 15	Woody Crest Ave., H. B.
Fourth, German	John H. Oerter	120	12	...	3	...	..	†380	36	1	180	80	1	250	303 54	134 00	1,715 72	248 W. 40th St., N. Y. City.
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	26	...	...	...	..	3	65	1	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 E. 94th St., "
Avenue B, German	Jacob Schlegel	...	34	...	4	...	10	610	80	...	...	45	1	600	200 00	370 00	2,400 00	602—5th St., "
Brighton Heights	.....	....	14	2	3	...	..	125	...	..	....	....	1	350	242 51	69 80	3,276 30	.....
Union	.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Norfolk St., German	Charles Schlegel	90	40	...	...	...	1	250	32	3	....	25	2	200	37 00	80 00	1,200 00	68th St., near 1st Av., "
Kreischerville, St. Pt'rs	Jacob Ganss	150	6	...	10	...	4	125	12	1	....	14	2	180	.....	.....	300 00	Kreischerville, S. I.
Grace	Joseph R. Duryee	228	26	12	6	...	7	293	29	5	....	....	1	266	227 00	246 00	4,385 00	139 E. 36th St., N. Y. City.
Hamilton Grange	Charles B. Chapin	125	18	11	11	...	4	†314	9	2	....	....	1	400	299 23	191 10	3,420 79	355 W. 145th St., "
Church of the Comf'rter	Henry V. S. Myers	22	...	...	4	...	...	39	...	..	12	100	1	110	50 45	.....	935 85	504 E. 162d St., "
	Total	3960	565	343	219	1	113	10694	507	74	688	2144	36	11537	$58,053 94	$32,935 50	$78,361 19	

Other Ministers.—Leonard W. Kip, Amoy, China; C. H. H. Wolff, E. Rothessay Miller, Morioka, Japan; Clinton Tyler Wood, Wellington, South Africa; Frank H. Wright, Walter C. Roe, Colony, Oklahoma; Walter Laidlaw; William Walton Clark, 25 E. 22d St.; Hasbrouck Du Bois, High Bridge, New York City; Aaron Lloyd, Bellville, N. J.; G. H. Mandeville, 16 E. 126th St., N. Y. City; A. J. Park, Huntington, Conn.; E. A. Reed, Holyoke, Mass.; A. G. Vermilye, Englewood, N. J.; Thos. O. Lowe, Brighton Heights, Staten Island; K. F. Junor, 323 W. 28th Street, New York City; William Westerfield, 107 W. 123d Street, N. Y. City; E. J. Runk, 37 W. 49th Street, New York City.

Candidates.—M. G. Schwartz, 65 Avenue A, New York City; James C. Stout; Henry Z. Kyle.

† Revised.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C.C. & S.S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.		
Berea	Edward V. V. Searle	33	...	1	1	...	2	104	2	...	17?	7	1	30?	$ 41 00	$ 5 00	$ 769 24	Walden,	N. Y.
Bloomingburgh	John L. Stillwell	80	1	...	...	...	6	113	5	...	.....	.....	1	80	118 25	.....	750 00	Bloomingburgh,	"
Callicoon	Henry Unglaub	62	5	...	...	...	8	140	12	...	.....	20	1	130	13 00	15 00	750 00	Callicoon,	"
Claraville	Vacant	17	...	...	...	...	...	41	4	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	Grahamsville,	"
Cuddebackville	Louis Hieber	53	6	4	4	...	1	92	...	3	10	.....	1	90	113 06	.....	848 83	Cuddebackville,	"
Deerpark	Thomas H. Mackenzie	254	47	18	10	...	6	543	9	28	208	200	4	500	572 00	260 00	4,800 00	Port Jervis,	"
Ellenville	Herman C. Berg	170	4	1	5	...	1	302	3	1	..	205	1	232	392 64	73 20	2,349 32	Ellenville,	"
Fallsburgh	Benj. T. Statesir	85	16	2	2	...	3	128	8	13	....	30	3	178	164 87	12 10	737 20	Woodbourne,	"
Grahamsville	Frederick W. Ruhl	31	1	...	...	...	1	76	...	...	.....	.....	1	72	15 84	.....	318 00	Grahamsville,	"
Kerhonkson	C. Van Oostenbrugge	50	4	...	1	...	1	92	2	...	.....	.....	1	85	6 00	5 00	450 00	Kerhonkson,	"
Mamakating	Vacant	40	18	...	2	...	2	90	1	13	....	30	2	60	.....	.....	724 15	Wurtsboro,	"
Minnisink	Vacant	30	5	...	1	...	1	56	...	4	.....	.....	1	35	.....	12 00	1,006 00	Montague,	N. J.
Montgomery	J. Frederick Berg	175	9	3	5	...	6	430	9	3	....	177	2	200	670 97	40 92	2,220 71	Montgomery,	N. Y.
Newburg	Robert H. Beattie	184	6	8	3	...	2	305	8	1	....	106	1	160	344 10	173 28	3,532 72	Newburg,	"
New Hurley	John A. Thurston	106	7	1	1	...	2	162	2	4	....	38	2	74	65 70	15 25	1,178 05	New Hurley,	"
New Prospect	Edwin O. Moffett	105	2	2	3	...	4	200	6	1	....	151	1	151	272 52	41 30	1,101 87	Pine Bush,	"
Port Jervis, Second	David T. Harris	35	14	...	5	...	1	36	5	10	14	....	1	100	16 96	.....	900 00	Port Jervis,	"
Shawangunk	Joseph Dixon	79	11	2	5	1	3	191	5	7	....	50	4	188	145 00	28 00	1,190 00	Bruynswick,	"
Unionville	Frederick W. Ruhl	7	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	.....	.....	1	25	4 05	.....	42 35	Grahamsville,	"
Walden	Wm. W. Schomp	175	5	12	5	...	7	369	5	1	111	250	1	250	664 81	63 31	2,560 16	Walden,	"
Wallkill Valley	Marion T. Conklin	91	4	1	2	...	1	213	7	4	..	5	1	225	211 22	32 62	1,500 00	Wallkill	"
Walpack Upper	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dingman's Ferry,	Pa.
Walpack Lower	Charles H. Whittaker	72	..	2	...	...	...	136	...	...	.....	.....	2	100	28 70	.....	2,578 70	Bushkill,	"
Warwarsing	C. Van Oostenbrugge	45	1	...	...	...	...	45	1	...	.....	.....	1	80	18 00	2 00	625 00	Napanoch,	N. Y.
	Total	1981	166	57	55	1	58	3845	94	93	360	1269	34	3145	$3,878 69	$ 778 98	$31,132 30		

Other Ministers.—James E. Bernart, Chester, N. Y.; G. S. Garretson, Dingman's Ferry, Pa.; H. A. Hendrickson, Flushing, Long Island; S. W. Mills, Port Jervis, N. Y.

Candidate.—August M. Gliddon.

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CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

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			Rec'd												Benevolent.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First, Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson (s.c.)	200	7	4	8	..	12	506	5	...	....	....	1	320	$1,410 17	$ 1,508 13	$ 3,045 36	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second, Poughkeepsie	Wm. Bancroft Hill	160	11	3	3	...	4	440	8	5	....	....	2	270	1,625 15	1,215 00	4,149 00	Poughkeepsie, "
Fishkill	A. H. Huizinga	104	12	8	6	...	4	241	2	6	....	....	1	103	211 87	65 58	1,926 30	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	Ernest Clapp	95	5	...	1	...	1	196	3	1	....	....	5	190	238 85	20 00	1,100 00	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	Wm. A. Dumont	88	7	1	1	...	4	181	5	4	...	....	†4	175	307 00	41 50	924 28	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	J. Howard Suydam	120	10	5	6	..	3	227	1	2	..	100	1	120	255 05	209 50	1,719 38	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	Charles W. Fritts	135	14	9	4	...	6	346	6	10	..	....	1	186	360 78	179 35	5,278 14	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	Vacant	60	...	2	4	...	1	83	1	...	..	.	1	87	297 00	16 00	918 91	.....
Glenham	Wm. V. D. Strong	41	...	2	3	...	...	65	...	...	....	56	1	64	36 81	1 00	424 20	Glenham, N. Y.
Cold Spring	Vacant	20	3	...	2	...	...	40	...	...	....	25	1	45	5 50	.....	514 31	.....
Millbrook	J. E. Lyall	110	4	3	7	...	3	166	...	2	....	...	3	182	458 00	74 00	2,031 00	Millbrook, N. Y.
	Total	1133	73	37	45	...	38	2491	31	30	....	181	21	1742	$ 5,206 18	$3,330 02	$ 22,030 88	

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, 25 E. 22d St., New York City; Rev. F. F. Wilson, Asbury Park, N. J.; Rev. Philip W. Pitcher, Amoy, China.

† Three are Union Schools.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C.C.& S.S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Belmont, Anderson Mem	Vacant	29	...	2	1	...	..	45	5	...	....	1	1	125	.....	.....	$ 1,012 46	Belmont, New York City.
Bronxville	Wm. S. C. Webster	50	6	5	...	...	...	80	1	1	12	....	1	107	$ 206 25	$ 92 09	1,584 74	Bronxville, " "
Cortlandtown	Henry Smith	102	2	2	1	...	1	162	10	..	54	25	2	180	32 16	52 00	1,876 98	Montrose, N. Y.
Fordham	Joseph M. Hodson	118	5	9	6	...	...	225	10	3	....	....	1	150	708 46	318 33	4,261 26	Fordham, New York City.
Greenburgh	G. A. T. Goebel	40	2	2	...	..	1	...	3	1	....	40	1	95	24 39	.....	618 31	Elmsford, N. Y.
Greenville	J. H. Harper	43	3	3	...	...	1	74	...	3	....	12	1	55	50 50	.....	1,072 31	Scarsdale, "
Hastings	O. L. Sigafoos	60	5	11	4	...	2	84	1	3	..	28	1	120	25 00	5 00	1,228 98	Hastings-on-Hudson, "
†Melrose	Geo. B. Miller	127	32	5	...	...	2	247	50	...	....	....	1	480	19 00	... .	2,386 00	748 Elton Ave., N. Y. City.
Mt. Vernon	C. H. Tyndall	145	30	11	4	...	2	236	...	...	....	80	2	204	994 53	78 44	3,496 62	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
Park Hill	Wm. P. Bruce (s.c.)	100	4	15	2	...	1	135	2	2	40	80	1	160	263 67	37 40	2,747 74	279 S. B'way Av. Yonkers, "
Peekskill	Henry de Vries	104	8	2	2	1	1	196	9	3	61	40	1	90	85 00	15 00	1,587 00	Peekskill, "
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	130	3	4	6	...	6	320	1	2	....	....	1	315	886 00	590 00	7,194 00	Tarrytown, "
Tarrytown, Second	Arthur F. Mabon	83	3	2	6	...	1	173	2	2	27	54	1	126	270 00	15 52	2,319 68	Tarrytown, "
Unionville	Albert Kuiper	60	...	...	...	...	1	85	1	...	24	30	1	72	43 43	80 88	930 09	Neperan, "
West Farms	Vacant	35	2	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	....	1	74	32 40	.....	838 95	West Farms, "
Yonkers	T. E. Inglis	†150	1	4	5	...	3	419	18	...	†120	....	1	195	356 00	68 00	5,902 00	Yonkers, "
	Total	1376	106	77	37	1	22	2501	113	20	338	390	18	2548	$ 3,996 34	$ 1,352 66	$ 39,057 12	

Other Ministers.—John A. Todd, Tarrytown, N. Y.; W. W. Rand, Am. Tract Society; Howard Harris, Japan; J. Henry Bertholf, Yonkers, N. Y.; James Bolton, Roycefield, N. Y.; Henry J. Bogardus, Jersey City, N. J.; L. C. Andrews, White Plains, N. Y.; F. M. Bogardus, Ocean Grove, N. J.; David Cole, Yonkers N. Y.; Rev. Frank Scudder, Japan; Rev. A. D. D. Frazer, Amoy.

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SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1898.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.
				Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	Number of S. S.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Arcot	24	21	2016	149	175	184	60	42	2208	256	141	3633	2610	156	4960	$ 500	$ 237	$ 1,079	Rev. John H Wyckoff.
Hudson	11	14	1180	58	28	32	2	28	2088	43	23	201	567	16	1825	3,839	1,343	16,925	Rev. J. W. Vaughan.
Kingston	16	13	1587	181	108	101	1	49	3095	102	63	913	778	31	3154	2,080	496	20,409	Rev. Herman Hageman.
North Long Island	25	25	2471	170	65	77	1	62	4613	533	54	19	874	32	7808	5,868	2,487	52,529	Rev. William H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island	22	34	2606	376	174	124	1	80	5521	341	42	639	1380	26	8298	11,667	15,994	52,130	Rev. John S. Gardner.
New York	20	43	3960	565	343	219	1	113	10694	507	74	688	2144	36	11537	58,053	32,935	78,361	Rev. Henry V. S. Myers.
Orange	24	22	1981	166	57	55	1	58	3841	94	93	360	1269	34	3145	3,878	778	31,132	Rev. Edward V. V. Searle.
Poughkeepsie	11	13	1133	73	37	45	..	38	2491	31	30	.....	181	21	1742	5,206	3,330	22,030	Rev. A. P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	16	25	1376	106	77	37	1	22	2501	113	30	338	390	18	2548	3,996	1,352	39,057	Rev. William P. Bruce.
Total	169	210	18310	1844	1064	875	68	492	37052	2020	540	6791	10193	370	45017	$95,087	$58,952	$313,652	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by sub-committees on the Minutes of each Classis, and the reports were severally accepted and adopted, and are as follows:

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Hudson have examined the same and find them properly kept and in admirable form.

J. ELMENDORF, *Chairman.*

Classis of Kingston.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Kingston report that they have examined them and find them correctly kept.

CHALES B. CHAPIN.
THOMAS GILBERT.

North Classis of Long Island.—Your Committee on the Minutes of the North Classis of Long Island would report that they have examined the same and find them in order.

N. PEARSE.

South Classis of Long Island.—Your Committee on the Minutes of South Classis of Long Island reports that the Minutes have been examined, found in order, and carefully and neatly kept.

J. W. VAUGHAN, *Chairman.*

Classis of New York.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of New York, respectfully report that they have examined said Minutes and have found them to be correct. The committee commend the orderly and legible manner in which these minutes are kept.

C. D. F. STEINFUHRER, *Chairman.*
SAMUEL KEELER.

Classis of Orange.—Your committee appointed to examine the Records of the Classis of Orange reports them constitutionally correct.

A. H. SCHLIEDER.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Your committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie report that the record has been examined and found to be correctly kept.

D. T. HARRIS.

Classis of Westchester.—The committee examined the minutes of the Classis of Westchester and find them correct and well kept.

B. A. BARTHOLF.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business beg leave to report that the following papers have been referred to them, viz.:

1. An overture from the Classis of Westchester requesting that the churches of Fordham, Belmont, and West Farms, now constituting a part of said Classis, be transferred from the said Classis to the Classis of New York.

2. An appeal by Richard S. Dey from certain action of the Classis of New York.

3. A certified copy of the record of the action of the Classis of New York from which said appeal is made.

4. A certificate of the appointment, by the Consistory of the Hamilton Grange Reformed Church, of the Rev. Charles B. Chapin to act as Commissioner of said Consistory in said appeal.

5. A certificate of the appointment, by the Classis

of New York, of the Rev. A. H. Demarest as Commissioner to represent the said Classis in said appeal.

I. With respect to the overture from the Classis of Westchester requesting the transfer of the churches of Fordham, Belmont, and West Farms from the Classis of Westchester to that of New York, the committee report that the said overture is accompanied by petitions from the said churches to the Classis of Westchester for its concurrence in an application to Particular Synod for such transfer; and by a certificate from the Stated Clerk of the Classis that the said petitions were duly considered by the Classis at its last regular meeting, and that the Classis decided to grant the applications, and cordially concur in the desire of the churches to be assigned to the Classis of New York.

The following action is therefore recommended, viz.:

Resolved, That, in accordance with the overture from the Classis of Westchester, the churches of Fordham, Belmont, and West Farms be and hereby are transferred from the Classis of Westchester to the Classis of New York, and that the Stated Clerk be and hereby is instructed to notify the said Classes and the Consistories of the said churches of such transfer.

II. With respect to the appeal of Richard S. Dey from action of the Classis of New York, the Committee report that they find the papers in due form, and recommend:

First.—That the papers be read in the following order, viz.:

1. The action of the Classis of New York from which the appeal is made.
2. The appeal and the reasons therefor.
3. The credentials of the Rev. Charles B. Chapin as Commissioner for the Consistory of the Church of Hamilton Grange.
4. The credentials of the Rev. A. H. Demarest as Commissioner of the Classis of New York.

Second.—That the appeal be taken up according to

the Rules of Order and that the hour be 11 A.M., this Wednesday morning.

Respectfully submitted,
A. P. VAN GIESON, *Chairman.*

The Synod took up the appeal from the action of the Classis of New York by Richard S. Dey.

The President reminded the members of the Synod that they were about to proceed to the consideration of Judicial Business, and should regard themselves as judges of a court of Jesus Christ.

The Rev. Alfred H. Demarest was recognized as the Commissioner for the Classis of New York.

The Rev. Chas. B. Chapin was recognized as Commissioner for the Consistory of the Hamilton Grange Reformed Church.

1. The action appealed from was read.

2. The appeal and reasons for the appeal were read.

3. All the documents in the case were read, in the order prescribed by the Committee on Judicial Business.

4. *a*, The Appellant, Richard S. Dey, was heard.

4. *b*, The Consistory was heard through its Commissioner, the Rev. Charles B. Chapin.

5. The Classis was heard through its Commissioner, the Rev. Alfred H. Demarest.

6. The appellant was heard in reply.

The parties in the case having withdrawn, the Synod proceeded to deliberate on the case.

The Roll was called and an opportunity given for the members to express their opinions.

The following question was then put:

"Shall the action of the Classis of New York be sustained?"

Synod voted unanimously *to sustain.*

On motion it was then

Resolved, That the appeal of Mr. Richard S. Dey be not sustained for the reason that the grounds on which the appeal is made are not deemed sufficient.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to by Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon, after the organization, was passed in devotional exercises led by the Vice-President.

The first half hour of the Wednesday morning session was also spent in devotional exercises, led by the Rev. J. Elmensdorf.

The Bar of the House was fixed.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the evening of the first day, immediately after the Synodical Sermon. The form was read by the President of Synod. The bread was administered by the Rev. William P. Bruce, and the cup by the Rev. A. H. Schlieder. The distribution of the bread was made by the Elders A. V. W. Van Vechten, Claus Ohlandt, N. W. Brown, and S. S. Keeler, and that of the cup by the Elders Peter F. Potts, Thomas Gilbert, Miles Scofield, and J. L. Snyder.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a Committee of Arrangements be appointed, of which the pastor of the church shall be a member, to fix the hours of meeting and adjournment during this session of the Synod; to select those who are to assist in conducting the services in connection with the Synodical sermon; as well as those who are to administer and distribute the elements at the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and to appoint the time for the reading of the papers and the hearing of the representatives of the Boards of the Church.

The President appointed as such committee the Revs. C. W. Fritts and Alfred E. Myers, and Elder N. W. Brown.

In accordance with their report as accepted and

adopted, the services were conducted on Tuesday evening as recorded; the representatives of the Boards and the readers of the papers were heard, as recorded; and the sessions began and adjourned at the hours fixed therefor.

The Rev. H. Vanderwart was heard in behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions, and the Rev. J. H. Whitehead was heard in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions, at the Wednesday morning session.

The Rev. John K. Allen read a paper on "A Report on the State of Religion," at the Wednesday morning session; and the Rev. John G. Fagg read a paper on "The Humanitarian Element in Foreign Missions," at the Tuesday afternoon session.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations be requested to select persons for reading papers at the next regular meeting of the Synod.

The committee reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted: Primarii, Revs. John Baumeister, Charles B. Chapin; Secundi, Revs. John Edward Lyall, George D. Lydecker.

Subjects to be of their own selection.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to procure the printing of the usual number of copies (450) of the minutes of this session of Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be, and hereby are, tendered to the Pastor, Consistory, and Congregation of the Reformed church of Fishkill-on-Hudson, for the abundant entertainment prepared and so genially dispensed by them. With its warm thanks the Synod unites its fervent wishes and prayers for the continued unity and prosperity of this favored church.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That we, the ministers and elders constituting the Particular Synod of New York of the Reformed Church

in America, in annual session at Fishkill-on-Hudson, hereby tender His Excellency, William McKinley, President of the United States, the assurance of our sympathy with him in the great responsibilities which he is carrying, our approval of his course of action up to the present time, and our confidence in him as our Chief Magistrate in this solemn crisis. We earnestly intercede at the throne of the Heavenly Grace on behalf of the President and his advisers, and the Congress of the United States, praying that God will grant to them His guidance and direction in all their deliberations and decisions; and that a holy Providence may ensure a speedy termination of the present war, with the liberation of the oppressed people of Cuba and a vindication of the Divine Righteousness as ruling in the affairs of men.

The Synod hereby requests its Stated Clerk to transmit a copy of this action to the President of the United States and to furnish copies to the Christian Intelligencer and to the daily press.

After the resolution was passed the President called upon the Rev. A. P. Van Gieson to lead Synod in prayer.

ARTICLE XX.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer presented the following account which was referred to the committee on the Treasurer's account, and their report was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

The committee on the Treasurer's account, report:

That they have examined the "Treasurer's Account" with the vouchers and find them correct and there is a balance due the the Synod of one dollar and eighty-seven cents ($1.87).

N. PEARSE, Chairman.

Dr. PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, IN ACCOUNT WITH THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, TREASURER. Cr.

1897 May 18.	To Cash	paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, for stationary and postage...	$ 5 03	1897 May 5.	By Cash balance from old account.....	$274 33
"	"	paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, for traveling expenses.....	1 28			
"	"	paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, for Doorkeeper at Jamaica, L. I.....	5 00			
"	"	paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, for salary as stated clerk for year ending, May 1, 1898.....	100 00			
June 15.	"	paid Board of Publication, R. C. A., for 450 copies, Minutes of 1897.....	161 15			
1898 May 1.	"	Balance due Synod to new acct..	1 87			
			$274 33			$274 33

E. E. New York, May 1st, 1898.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Treasurer.*

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Arcot.

Rev. William I. Chamberlain.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. George H. Burrill,	Elder Edward A. Best,
" F. V. Van Vranken,	" George M. Hardee,
" Chalmers P. Dyke.	" A. J. Ten Brooke.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Charles Corwin,	Elder Andrew Hallenbeck,
" David F. Williams,	" Thomas Miller,
" William E. Compton.	" James E. Strever.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Samuel T. Searle,	Elder A. G. DeWitt,
" Joseph Millett,	" M. Oakley,
" John L. McNair.	" Wm. Paten.

SECUNDI.

Rev. George Davis,	Elder H. Ten Hagen,
" William Coombs,	" Elias J. Van Ostrand,
" Edward Niles,	" J. W. Gardiner,

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. James S. N. Demarest,	Elder Thomas H. Fredericks.
" Franz Hartig,	" J. W. Vandewater,
" August Guenther,	" H. Lyfers,
" Robert H. Barr, Ph.D.,	" H. N. Shook,
" Wm. H. Ten Eyck, D.D.	" Claus Gerken.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Alexander Shaw,	Elder Wm. Brodie,
" Edgar Tilton, Jr.,	" P. W. Kouwenhoven,
" Alfred Duncombe,	" George M. Williamson,
" Walter T. Scudder,	" H. A. Stoutenberg,
" John Hoffman,	" A. J. Debevoise,

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Benjamin E. Dickhaut,	Elder John H. Van Pelt,
" John S. Gardner,	" Jacob Remsen,
" Peter V. Van Buskirk,	" Wm. R. Bennett,
" Nicholas Pearse,	" Joseph C. Pool.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John E. Lloyd	Elder John Bingham,
" James M. Farrar, D.D.,	" John Z. Lott,
" F. C. Erhardt,	" James Bower,
" A. P. Stockwell,	" C. K. Buckley.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Edward B. Coe, D.D.,	Elder John S. Bussing,
" Wm. W. Clark, D.D.,	" John C. Giffing,
" Henry M. Cox,	" W. F. Layton,
" Ferd. S. Schenck, D.D.,	" E. Cutter, M.D.

SECUNDI.

Rev. David J. Burrell, D.D.,	Elder W. H. Jackson,
" H. V. S. Myers, D.D.,	" C. Schlenkel,
" Roderick Terry, D.D.,	" William Maul,
" John H. Oerter, D.D.,	" C. H. During.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Edwin O. Moffet,	Elder C. B. Martin,
" John L. Stillwell,	" William Decker,
" Henry Unglaub,	" J. H. Holmes,
" James E. Bernart,	" George Sparks.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. F. Berg, Ph.D.,	Elder Abner Bookstaver,
" Herman C. Berg, D.D.,	" M. E. Clark,
" H. A. Hendrickson,	" J. Simpson,
" Wm. Wyckoff Schomp,	" T. L. Millspaugh.

Classes of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. Edward Lyall,	Elder John W. Champlin,
" William A. Dumont,	" James C. Ackerman,
" Wm. Bancroft Hill,	" William Thompson,

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D.D.,	Elder H. C. Sprague,
" A. H. Huizinga, Ph.D.,	" Miles Scofield,
" J. H. Suydam, D.D.,	" Lincoln H. Riggs.

Classes of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Thomas E. Inglis,	Elder J. J. Linson, M.D.,
" C. H. Tyndall,	" W. J. Charlton.
" Arthur F. Mabon	" S. H. Mapes.

SECUNDI.

Rev. L. C. Andrews,	Elder N. S. King, M.D.,
" G. A. T. Goebel,	" Francis Bacon,
" J. M. Hodson, D.D.,	" Elder Newman.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in annual session in the Reformed Church of Walden, N. Y., on the first Tuesday in May, 1899, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned after prayer and the pronouncing of the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

(*Signed,*)

ALFRED H. BRUSH, *President.*
ALFRED E. MYERS, *Vice-President.*

WILLIAM P. BRUCE,
CHARLES K. CLEARWATER, } *Temporary Clerks.*

DANIEL VAN PELT, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF THIS SYNOD SINCE THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTICULAR SYNODS. 1870-1898.

1870—Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D.....Yonkers.
1871—Rev. Goyn Talmage.....Flushing.
1872—Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D.....Rhinebeck.
1873—Rev. John A. Todd, D D.....Tarrytown (1st).
1874—Rev. G. H. Mandeville. D D.....Poughkeepsie (2d).
1775—Rev. John McC. Holmes, D.D.....Brooklyn (1st).
1876—Rev. David Inglis, D D.....Port Jervis.
1877—Rev. Joachim Elmendorf.....Yonkers.
1878—Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D.D.....Newburgh.
1879—Rev. Charles I. Shephard.....Greenpoint,
1980—Rev. William Ormiston, D.D.....Mount Vernon.
1881—Rev. David Cole, D.D.....Montgomery.
1882—Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck.....Jamaica, L. I.
1883—Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D.....Brighton Heights, S. I.
1884—Rev. David N. Vanderveer.....New York (South).
1885—Rev. Herman C. Berg.....Yonkers.
1886—Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.....Newburgh.
1887—Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D.D., M.D..Claverack.
1888—Rev. William H. Gleason, D.D.....Kingston.
1889—Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D.....Poughkeepsie (1st).
1890—Rev. Lewis Francis.....N. Y. City (48th St. Col).
1881—Rev. James Demarest, D.D.....Tarrytown (1st).
1792—Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye D.D.....Brooklyn (South Bushwick).
1893—Rev. John L. McNair.....N. Y. City (Bloomingdale)
1894—Rev. Ame Vennema.....New Utrecht, L. I.
1895—Rev. Charles W. Frits, D.D.....Fishkill, N. Y.
1896—Rev. Ferdinand S. Schenck. D.D.....Yonkers, N. Y.
1897—Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D D.....Jamaica, L. I.
1898—Rev. Alfred H. Brush, D.D.....Fishkill-on-Hudson.

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THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE REFORMED CHURCH OF WALDEN, N. Y., ON TUESDAY, THE 2D OF MAY, 1899, AT 3 O'CLOCK, P. M., AND ADJOURNED AT 12 O'CLOCK, M., OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE SESSION.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by the retiring Vice-President, the Rev. Alfred E. Myers, who also preached the Synodical sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from 1 John 3:5, "And ye know that He was manifested to take away sins; and in Him is no sin." (R. V.)

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.—

Classis of Hudson.—Ministers.—George H. Burrill,

F. V. Van Vranken, Charles E. Corwin. *Elder*—G. R. Gale.

Classis of Kingston.—Ministers.—Joseph Millett, John L. McNair, Herman Hageman. *Elders.*—Wm. Reisenburgher, R. B. Dunn, M. S. Davis.

North Classis of Long Island.—Ministers.—Daniel P. Doyle, R. Harmon Potter, Wm. H. Jackson. *Elders.*—David Master, Peter Petersen.

South Classis of Long Island.—Ministers.—Peter V. Van Buskirk, John S. Gardner, Benjamin E. Dickhaut. *Elder.*—George C. Pool.

Classis of New York.—Ministers.—Edward Niles, William Vaughn. *Elders.*—A. V. W. Van Vechten, J. D. Shipman, William N. Clark.

Classis of Orange.—Ministers.—Marion T. Conklin, J. L. Stillwell, E. O. Moffett, Robert H. Beattie. *Elders.*—Hugh Dick, C. B. Martin.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Ministers.—J. Edward Lyall, W. A. Dumont. *Elder.*—Henry E. Allison, M.D.

Classis of Westchester.—Ministers.—Arthur F. Mabon, David Cole, D.D., William S. C. Webster, D.D. *Elder.*—Francis Bacon.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. Herman Hageman was elected President, and the Rev. John S. Gardner Vice-President. The Revs. R. Harmon Potter and Marion T. Conklin were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST.

The minutes of the session of 1898 were read. The The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order was suspended, by unanimous consent.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were the Standing Committees:

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.—*Ministers.*—F. V. Van Vranken, Joseph Millett, Daniel P. Doyle. *Elders*—G. R. Gale, Moses S. Davis.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.—*Arcot*— ——— ——— *Hudson.*—Rev. J. L. McNair. *Elder*—Wm. Reisenburgher. *Kingston.*—Rev. P. V. Van Buskirk. *Elder*—Peter Petersen. *North Long Island.*—Rev. E. O. Moffett. *Elder*—G. R. Gale. *South Long Island*—Rev. David Cole. *Elder*—Wm. N. Clark. *New York*—Rev. R. H. Beattie. *Elder*—George C. Pool. *Orange*—Rev. Charles E. Corwin. *Elder*—J. D. Shipman. *Poughkeepsie*—Rev. J. L. Stillwell. *Elder*—Francis Bacon. *Westchester*—Rev. F. V. Van Vranken. *Elder*—A. V. W. Van Vechten.

ON CLASSICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.—*Ministers.*—J. Edward Lyall, E. O. Moffett, C. E. Corwin. *Elders*—David Master, Hugh Dick.

ON THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.—*Ministers.*—P. V. Van Buskirk, J. L. Stillwell, Wm. H. Jackson. *Elders*—A. V. W. Van Vechten, Francis Bacon.

ON OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—*Ministers.*—David Cole, J. L. McNair, Robert H. Beattie. *Elders*—William N. Clark, George C. Pool.

ON NOMINATIONS.—*Ministers.*—Benjamin E. Dickhaut, Wm. S. C. Webster Marion T. Conklin. *Elders*—J. D. Shipman, C. B. Martin.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

In reply to the action of the Particular Synod of last year, in passing and transmitting to the President of the United States a resolution expressing sympathy and confidence, in view of the responsibilities resting upon him by reason of the war with Spain then recently begun, the Stated Clerk received the following communication, which was received by the Synod, and ordered spread upon the minutes:

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, May 6, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR:

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, embodying a resolution recently adopted by the Particular Synod of New York, the contents of which the President has noted.

Permit me to assure you, and through you the members of the Synod, that the President very highly appreciates this expression of confidence and good-will.

Very truly yours,
JOHN ADDISON PORTER,
Secretary to the President.

REV. DANIEL VAN PELT,
Stated Clerk, etc.,
No. 80 Remsen Street, Astoria,
Long Island City, N. Y.

A communication was received from the Rev. J. Howard Suydam, Pastor, and the Consistory of the Reformed Church of Rhinebeck, N. Y., inviting the Synod to meet in their church at its next regular session in 1900.

A communication was received from the Rev. Alfred H. Demarest, extending on behalf of himself as Pastor

and the Consistory of the Reformed Church of Port Richmond, Staten Island, New York City, an invitation to this Synod to meet in that church at its next annual session in 1900.

A communication was received from the Rev. Charles Park, inviting Synod in the name of himself and the Consistory of the Reformed Church of Hudson, N. Y., to meet in their church at the next regular session in May, 1900.

These invitations were referred to a special committee, consisting of the Revs. Edward Niles, and Arthur F. Mabon, and Elder H. E. Allison, whose report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows :

Your Committee on place for next meeting respectfully reports :

Three invitations were received, one from the Consistory of the Reformed Church of Hudson, one from the Consistory of the church at Port Richmond and a third from the Consistory of the church at Rhinebeck.

All were so cordial, and the places so attractive, that the work of the Committee was a perplexing one.

Finally, however, the Committee decided to recommend the acceptance by the Particular Synod of the invitation from Rhinebeck.

First, because it was the first sent, and it would seem lacking of appreciation to pass it by and go to another place and secondly, because it is the most central place and also because this important church has not entertained the Synod since 1872.

All of which is respectfully submited.

EDWARD NILES, *Chairman.*

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions announcing that the Rev. J. H. Whitehead had been appointed to represent that Board at this meeting of the Synod.

Referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions stating that the Rev. John S. Gardner had been appointed by said Board to represent it at this meeting of the Particular Synod.

Referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

An overture was received from the North Classis of Long Island requesting this Synod to take steps toward the appointment of a Synodical Superintendent for the selection of desirable fields for organizing churches, especially covering the territory of the Greater New York, under the Classes of New York, North and South Long Island and Westchester.

Referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would report that the printed minutes of General Synod of 1898 and the minutes of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, of Albany, of Chicago, and of New York were put into our hands, and after a brief examination of the same, found nothing requiring the action of this Synod.

F. V. VAN VRANKEN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

In view of the interesting fact that the Particular Synod of New Brunswick was in session at Warwick,

N. Y., within the same State, and within a few miles of Walden, on motion it was

Resolved, that the Stated Clerk be instructed to send a message of greeting to the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, now in session at Warwick, N. Y.

The Stated Clerk sent the following message :

"The Particular Synod of New York, in session at Walden, sends Christian greetings to the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, in session at Warwick, New York. As 'true yoke-fellows' in the Master's service, may we these days labor together in nearness of hearts as in nearness of persons, for the upbuilding of our common Zion."

In reply the following despatch was received :

WARWICK, N. Y., May 3, 1899.

The Particular Synod of New York, Walden, N. Y.

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick, responds to your fraternal greetings with the united prayer that the Divine Spirit will bless you in every effort at the strengthening of His Zion.

HENRY WARD, *Chairman of Committee.*

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on Classical Reports on the State of Religion, reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted and is as follows :

Reports from all the nine classes comprising this Synod have been placed in our hands together with a general statistical Summary.

The general tone of these reports is hopeful though discouragements seem to have been present in sufficient numbers to cause their frequent mention.

Some losses are reported but we find that we have gained three churches, fifteen ministers, nine hundred and eighty-seven families, and over all the losses by death, dismission, suspension and revision we have made a net

gain of three hundred and two communicants. In the matter of contributions we notice that a far larger proportion of our gifts have gone to our denominational activities and this is as it should be.

For Denominational Benevolence we have given $18,500, more than last year.

For Congregational purposes the sum given this year, exceeds that reported last year by $25,000.

If then in individual fields there have been losses, it is gratifying, as we come together to tell what the Lord hath done for us, to note that improvement and enlargement have not been wanting.

The Classical reports themselves will go into the printed minutes, and will speak for themselves to those who will read them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. LYALL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

The year has been one of steady progress, no fewer than 223 souls have been added to the churches on confession raising the number of communicants to 2,304. More than 800 persons have been received under instruction from heathenism, and 4,621 children are enrolled as Sabbath School scholars. The contributions for Congregational and other objects show a considerable increase over last year, and this notwithstanding the famine times. These churches, Tuidevairam, Madanapalle and Vellore have had native Pastors ordained over them, the whole number of Pastors now being twelve. At the last meeting of Classis a distinct advance in the matter of self-support was made, the Classis assuming the responsibility of church erection and repairs in future, the mission assisting with a grant-in-aid. This is a forward step and the beginning of a movement which it is hoped will result in great good to the native church. The Pastor's Aid and Gospel Extension Societies both had prosperous years, and closed their books with a balance in their favor. Five

graduates of the Theological Seminary were examined for licensure at the January meeting and granted certificates. All the candidates are usefully employed throughout the mission.

J. H. WYCKOFF, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

Your Committe on the State of Religion respectfully presents the following report:

The various retarding influences which were noted in our report of last year still continue and exert an evil effect upon the churches. Most of the churches send statistics only, which show in general a slight decrease in almost every department. The number of families within the bounds of the Classis is about the same as a year ago. There has been a decrease in the number received on confession but a slight increase in the number received by certificate. The Sunday Schools continue about the same. We regret to report a slight decrease in all benevolence and in the contributions for congregational purposes. This condition of affairs is not caused by any unfaithfulness on the part of pastors or officers, but rather by the increasing difficulties in the rural portions of the Classis, caused by the continued depression in agriculture. While the statistics are discouraging, the prospect is not all dark, however, for within several of the churches there is an increase of spiritual life among the members, and the preaching of the Gospel, which produces sanctification, is not less important than that which leads to conversion.

Claverack reports a year of unusual difficulty in which the Church has overcome the obstacles to her progress and has increased both in benevolence and in membership.

Gallatin still holds her own in spite of death and

removal for there are zealous, active, faithful ones remaining who are willing to work and give and pray.

Germantown.—No report.

Greenport is just about holding its own numerically, but there is a marked increase of spirituality among many of the professing Christians.

Hudson mourns the loss of two faithful and noble members, but rejoices in a year of quiet activity.

Linlithgo sends statistics only.

Livingston, at Linlithgo.—No report.

Mellenville sends statistics only.

Philmont expresses gratitude for the continued blessing of God, which has caused a year of quiet but certain growth. In spite of financial depression the benevolences of the Church have never been so large as during the past year.

Upper Red Hook is without a pastor and sends statistics only.

West Copake reports increased attendance at the services of the sanctuary, an increase in spirituality and the payment of a small debt. All this has been accomplished by God's blessing in the midst of many external discouragements.

The pastoral relation existing between the Livingston Church at Linlithgo has been dissolved, and that existing between the Upper Red Hook Church and the Rev. George D. Lydecker, and he has been dismissed to the Classis of Rensselaer.

CHARLES E. CORWIN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submits the following report:

Consistorial reports were promptly received from every Church of the Classis. Your Committee would call

the attention of the several consistories to the fact that this year is the regular year for revision of the Church Records.

A review of the condition of our Churches, gives evidence of the power of the Spirit manifesting itself in growing life and activity. Every Church, with one exception reports accessions on profession of faith, the total membership having been increased by about two hundred.

While there has been a slight decrease in contributions to denominational objects, we have reason to feel that there has been no lessening of interest and activity. Many Churches have been called upon to make heavy sacrifices for immediate personal interests, which has lessened the amount of their offerings to the Boards of the Church.

Individual reports from the various Churches are as follows:

Bloomingdale.—Peace and harmony prevail. The presence of the Holy Ghost is still with us. Our Congregations are large. We have every reason to thank God and take courage.

The Clove.—The year which has just closed has been a year of quietness. Various causes have produced this result. The decline in business; the interruptions caused by illness and the frequent stormy Sabbaths, have all tended to give us less visible results than we hoped for a year ago. Our collections for benevolence are smaller than last year, and our accessions less than any year for the past decade. Still we have much to be grateful for. Peace and harmony prevail. Our financial obligations are met. A beautiful pulpit and communion outfit have been placed in the Church building at High Falls by loving friends. The earnest expectation abounds that the seed sowing of this year will be followed by an abundant harvest in the near future.

Dashville Falls.—Although our former preacher, Mr. DeGraff, has been called to further prepare himself for the great work which is before him, yet we are still blessed with another, Mr. Custer Rich, who is well liked by the

people. While there have been no new births in the past year, still it seems as if there is great good being done by strengthening the weak, feeding the lambs, etc. Though it has pleased God to call from among us one of our officers, still we trust that his work was done and his place will soon be filled by whomsoever it may please God to call. Trusting in the Divine Master for the future for whatsoever is done, we will ever give God the praise.

Gardiner.—Our Church under the kind providence of our Lord and Master, has been blessed in all lines with a steady and healthy growth. We can be truly thankful for a deeper spiritual life in church members and an increased interest in Church affairs on the part of those not already connected.

Guilford—We regret that we cannot report a larger number received into our membership on confession of faith. The contrast between this year and last in this respect is very marked. The prevalence of stormy Sabbaths has greatly interfered with the attendance on religious services. The severe illness of the pastor during the former part of the year prevented him from engaging in the usual pastoral work. With faith in God that His Word shall not "return unto Him void," we will take courage hoping for a brighter day to dawn upon us ere another Classical year shall have closed.

Hurley.—The congregation has responded to every call from the field at home and the foreign field. There is unwavering interest in every department of the Church work.

Kingston, Fair Street.—The Fair St. Church has every reason to feel that the Divine Blessing has singularly attended her during the past year. The attendance upon the stated services of the Church has more than doubled in the year. We have increased our membership by thirty-six additions and great interest seem to be manifest in every department of the work. Our contributions to the Boards of the Church are not all that we wish they were, but considering the many demands from outside

ıd the reduction of the bonded indebtedness of the ıurch by over a thousand dollars, we feel that the people ıve responded very generously. It is our united prayer r the continued manifestation of the Spirit's power in aintaining the same happy harmony throughout the ıurch and in the advancement of Christ's blessed King- ›m in our midst.

Krumville.—The revival services held during the inter have been attended with good results, and the Lord ıs answered the prayers of His people by a number con- ssing their faith in Christ. The stormy Sabbaths of late ıve necessitated the closing of the Church, which has ːen a great draw-back. At the last Communion service ven of the young people united with the Church, so we el thankful to the Good Shepherd for blessing the bors of the past year.

Lyonsville.—Statistical report only.

Marbletown.—The Church at Stone Ridge looks back ›on a year abounding with God's favor and grace. The ınd of death has made many changes in our midst. owever, notwithstanding the long absence of some of ır best workers and contributors, we have held our own. 'e greatly deplore the spirit of worldliness that seems to ›ound in the Church. Rebuke of sin, however, has been ken in a Christian spirit by all save a very few, for hich we thank God and take courage.

North Marbletown.—The Church at North Marble- wn reports a year of ordinary prosperity. There is a ›od feeling in our congregation. The Church building ıs been freshened and improved with a coat of paint. ır little flock is much scattered but we are united in ırit.

New Paltz.—At the close of the Church year, we men- ›n with devout gratitude that the Son has favored us .th marked indications of His presence.

1. The Pastor, who on May 1, 1898, was laid aside by ness, was able to resume his labors with renewed health e first Sabbath in September. During the four months

of his absence the pulpit was regularly supplied; the sacraments were administered and the Elders took charge in turn of the Prayer-meeting.

2. An old indebtedness of $500 was removed by the Ladies Aid Society, which has been duly appreciated.

3. Mrs. Laura Varick, an honored member of the Second Reformed Church, of Poughkeepsie, very kindly donated a lot to families of our congregation residing in Ohioville and vicinity, for religious purposes. On this lot a commodious chapel has been erected for Sunday School, praise and prayer objects. This chapel will soon be dedicated to the worship and service of God.

We would add that from our roll have been removed by death those whose lives were fragrant with holy acts of love and consecration and whose departure we still mourn. The Congregation, Sunday School, Christian Endeavorers and the ladies have all co-operated for the Boards of the Church and other benevolent objects. We regret that our mid-week Prayer-meeting is at no time attended as it ought to be; that many who ought to be in the fold, are still outside and that Christ's professing people need a deeper spirituality. Our prayer is, that the sun of righteousness may shine on us, that the gracious rain and the covenant-bow may salute us and all receive new light, life and fruitfulness. So will the words be true of us too. "And I will dwell in you and walk among you; and I will be your God and ye shall be my people. And I will be a Father unto you and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith Jehovah the Almighty."

Rochester.—Statistical report only.

Rosendale.—The usual degree of Spiritual interest prevails. The condition of the Church is encouraging. The Sunday school attendance is good. Our people are working nobly.

Rosendale Plains.—We are pleased to report the healthy state of our Church, spiritually and financially. We have a small debt which we hope in a very short time to cancel. The relations between pastor and people are

such as to be desired. We consider ourselves to be in a flourishing condition.

St. Remy.—Preaching services have been well attended. The Ordinances have been faithfully observed. The condition of the roads has interfered with the success of our general work. We are looking for better results in the year to come.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Last July, Theodore F. Baylies, a graduate of New Brunswick Seminary in the Class of '98, was ordained and installed as pastor of the Church at Gardiner. The results of the work since he came to this people indicate a very harmonious and spiritual relation.

The Classis regrets the loss of the Rev. Edward Niles, who has been dismissed to the Classis of New York.

The harmony and unity of effort that has attended the relations between Mr. Seeley as Stated Supply and the Fair St. Church of Kingston, has seemed to warrant the Church in asking for his installation as pastor. This will be done May 10, 1899.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. B. SEELEY, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The general condition of the churches composing the North Classis of Long Island is from observation and the annual reports not as encouraging as your Committee would like to be able to report.

In the first place, from personal knowledge, we are aware that adverse circumstances are threatening the disentegration of all the churches in the limits of Brooklyn; those disintegrating forces cannot be overcome, and the churches will, in most cases, be eminently successful if they are able to hold their own. This is to an extent true also of the churches in what was formerly Long

Island City. Apart from these, however, the churches have good prospects; some of them are rapidly developing in strength and all, with reasonable effort, ought to be very successful.

From the reports we learn very much the same story. While some of the churches have done well—in no way has the average success been a great one, and in some ways the situation is one which calls for serious consideration. It is true, reports of the numbers of families are, and must be approximate only—but the number of members received ought to be exact, and to a considerable extent ought to give evidence ef the aggressiveness and spirituality of the churches. We have twenty-five churches in the Classis; these have received 190 on confession—a very small result gathered from the baptized children, and from the world. The actual increase, when deaths and dismissions are set against accessions by certificate and confession, is for the same churches only 119, an average of less than five only. Surely the Church is not doing what it should for the cause of Christ. And this result seems even smaller when we take into account the money and material in use. It has taken the use of hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property and an outlay of over $58,000, or $500 for the gain of a single person in membership! And the great work of the churches is the conversion of souls.

It is true, gifts for denominational objects have increased, but gifts for other objects have diminished, and the sum total of benevolence is behind last year. So while we can congratulate ourselves upon loyalty to the denomination, we have no congratulations with which to felicitate ourselves in view of our loyalty to humanity.

There have been no new organizations started during the year—indeed in numbers of families and members, the Classis has not held its own. Some of our churches are gradually losing strength because the communities about them are becoming lower—but there are new fields—fields of promise and assurance developing, and they ought to be taken possession of against the future.

In some one or two other respects the reports are

very unsatisfactory. Statistics are given that the status of the Church may be known. To be of value they must be generally given, and on a uniform basis. Some of our columns would far better be omitted. Under the head of "Baptized Non-Communicants," only two churches report, and one of these is manifestly incorrect. Under the head of "Catechumens" less than half report, and these on two widely differing bases; one part reporting the catechumens in the ecclesiastical sense, which are, I believe, never found in the American churches—the others reporting all the children in any way taught the catechism—in one case this comprising every member of the Sunday School.

A summary of the reports in detail of the various churches it is difficult to give. By necessity the remarks are general in character, and in two or three lines they must run with considerable of monotony.

Jamaica reports the Church in good condition. While at present without a Pastor, a brother minister has been called and will shortly begin his work. The prospects are excellent for work and development.

Newtown reports a year of quiet and substantial growth. The Church has been blessed with a very large ingathering of souls—almost the largest in its history in a single year. All work has been kept up and there is a probability of a new Church being organized at Winfield, where for years the Church has had a Sunday School.

Oyster Bay.—In material and spiritual things the Church has prospered. There has been an increase in benevolence; the obligations of the Church have been met, and a debt of $900 has been cancelled.

North Hempstead.—This Church in common with the rest of the village churches is prosperous. A new Church has been built, larger, more substantial, better equipped than the old, which burned down. The people are united and active, and the outlook is very encouraging.

Williamsburgh.—The beloved Pastor of this Church, known the country over for his character and accomplishments, passed to his reward last year. A new Pastor has been installed, full of energy, and a new life has begun. The attendance at all services is increasing, and the outlook is very hopeful.

Astoria sends no report beyond the statistical table. But under the new Pastor much has been done in the way of evangelistic work, and there have been many additions to the membership, and with this an increase of enthusiasm and effort.

Flushing.—All things considered, this may be regarded as our banner Church. It has a fine property, well situated in a most beautiful village with a population of refinement and wealth, and an excellent work has been accomplished. Its additions have been large, and it keeps up an increasingly good record in all lines of work.

One commendable feature is the class formed for instructing the youth before Communion. This gives all the advantages of the Catechetical Class as found in some of our churches, without the very serious drawbacks found there—drawbacks so serious that all American churches have given up the ceremony of confirmation, and I have learned some of our German brethren also do a considerable judicious sifting, and it is made a meaningless and aimless ceremony.

Kent Street gives an excellent report in spite of many adverse circumstances. There has been no lowering of generosity or work. An interesting affair during the year was the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Church, and the 25th of the present pastorate. As a Classis we thank God for the history, and pray the Church and Pastor may yet continue their work together for many years!

South Bushwick reports the same adverse circumstances as Kent Street, but there is harmony, and for work done a fair amount of result.

Second Astoria has had a fair degree of prosperity in all lines. Work is going on quietly, harmoniously and effectively.

East Williamsburgh sends no report. We are aware, however, that its situation is a very discouraging one. Still it teaches the children of the community, and in the midst of evil bears witness to the truth.

Queens reports steady work with increasing interest in some lines, and with increasing gifts to benevolent objects.

German Evangelical of Williamsburgh is one of the fields of adverse circumstances, and sends discouraging words. The outlook is very dark in many ways, but they are pressing on and hoping, though on the whole the movement is decidedly and rapidly backward.

Sayville.—The report of this Church is also somewhat in a minor key. There has been more loss than gain, but peace and harmony prevail, and the work is going on very hopefully.

Locust Valley is still living, though without much development in numbers or power. In their weakness they have great need of our sympathy and prayers.

College Point gives a good report as a new enthusiasm has come with the new Pastor, and there is an increased interest all along the line.

First Long Island City has had a trying year, in a hard and trying field. But there has been some advance, and a continuance of earnest spiritual life and effort.

Bushwick.—The year has been one of strengthening, rather than a mere increasing of lists of members on the Church roll. The Church has grown in stability and power, and especially rejoices in the coming of young and able men into its activities.

German Evangelical, Jamaica, has met with a very great loss in the death of its Pastor, but still reports very great prosperity, and looks forward with confidence to the future.

Hicksville reports favorably. Among other things it is determined to try to carry on its work without aid from the Board. And every one of us will wish it success in its effort.

Second Newtown.—The report of this Church is a most encouraging one. It is moving on with considerable accomplishment, and its prospects are bright.

Steinway tells of prosperity with increase in a ance, and with an excellent spirit prevailing. The Church is especially doing good work in missionary lines.

Church of Jesus, Brooklyn, has had a hard, but in the main, a successful year. Very important improvements have been made upon the Church property, and the organizations of the Church are active and doing good work.

New Hyde Park sends only a statistical report. It is without a Pastor at present, but we learn it has a stated supply.

Sunnyside.—After three years of trial this Church has completed its house of worship, and, following this, various organizations for spiritual development and Church work have started actively on their way. The outlook for the church is bright.

The following changes have taken place during the year:

There have entered into rest Bros. Joseph T. Duryea and Frank Hartig. Dr. Duryea died full of honors after having won the love of the Church and the world for the brilliancy of his intellectual powers and his unselfish devotion and tenderness. Brother Hartig did a noble

work in Jamaica among the Germans, and the Second Church there is his monument.

The pastoral relation between the Church of College Point and Rev. John Baumeister was dissolved on October 1st, 1898.

The pastoral relation between the Church of Astoria and Rev. Daniel Van Pelt was dissolved on August 1st, 1898, and Bro. Van Pelt was dismissed to the South Classis of Long Island on August 1st, 1898.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., and the Church of Jamaica was dissolved on September 1st, 1898, and he was dismissed to the Classis of New York on September 1st, 1898.

The Rev. Howard Wilbur Ennis was received from the Presbytery of Washington, D. C., December 5th, 1898, and installed Pastor of the Church of Williamsburgh, December 22d, 1898.

The Licentiate Rockwell Harmon Potter was received from the Classis of Schenectady, June 27th, 1898, and ordained and installed Pastor of the Church of Flushing, July 14th, 1898.

The Licentiate John Charles Rauscher was received from the Presbytery of Brooklyn February 15th, 1899, and ordained and installed Pastor of the Church of Astoria, February 15th, 1899.

The Rev. Frank Malven was received from the Classis of New York, January 11th, 1899, and installed Pastor of the Church of College Point, February 7th, 1899.

The Rev. Robert K. Wick was received from the South Classis of Bergen, April 18th, 1899, and arrangements made for his installation as Pastor of the First Reformed Church of Jamaica on May 11th, 1899.

In view of the facts brought before us in the various reports of the churches, the Committee would urge the following:

While recognizing the need of building up Christians in their faith, we would strongly urge the pastors and consistories to aggressive evangelistic work. And while

recognizing the value of the stated public authoritative preaching of the Word, we would urge the personal bringing of the truth privately to those who are outside of the Church, not only that they may know duty, but be led to give themselves openly to the Lord Jesus.

We would urge a conscientious consideration of the needs of the Denominational Boards, that if there must be refusal to aid them, it may be on the basis of conscience.

We would urge an effort to have omitted from the table of statistics all matters which, either by not being recognized at all, or by not being uniformly understood, make such statistics of no value whatever.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. D. HULST, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion, of the South Classis of Long Island, would report that they have received communications from all of the Churches of the Classis, with the exception of St. Thomas and Bedford. In looking over these reports we see the usual alternations of light and shades of encouragement and discouragement, which naturally mark a year's work. Some of the Churches have made considerable additions to their membership ; others have not been so richly blessed, yet all rejoice in some additions to the Church on confession of their faith in Christ. The financial contributions, in most cases, as compared with those of a year ago, have kept pace with the demands made upon the individual Churches, and so we can report a gratifying result in this line of work and worship :

First Church.—Statistical table only.

Flatbush.—Divine services have been held every Sabbath during the year, both morning and evening, except that the evening services were suspended during the summer months. The Gospel has been faithfully preached,

and salvation through Christ as the only means of salvation has been the constant theme of the proclamation of the Word. The attendance upon divine service has been good, the people taking a deep interest in Spiritual matters. The Sabbath School is in a prosperous condition, every available seat being occupied at every session of the school. The Prayer Meetings are fairly well attended, those in attendance being refreshed and strengthened as they commune with their Heavenly Father.

Grace Chapel.—Reports a most successful year. In every department of the Church work advance has been noticed. With the erection of hundreds of houses near us, the future is still more bright. The new pipe organ kindly given by the Reformed Church of Flatbush, has added greatly to the attractiveness of the interior of the Chapel, as well as enhancing interest in the services. The agencies employed in this field are: Divine Worship, Sabbath morning and evening; Sabbath School, Sabbath afternoon; Y. P. S. C. E.; Jr. C. E.; the Church Prayer Meeting; The Ladies' Missionary Society; The Ladies' Aid Society, and The Men's League.

New Utrecht.—A review of the year reveals nothing unusual in our Church life. Some advance has been made in many directions, and in none has there been decline in interest or effort. Serious loss has been experienced in the death of those whose influence for good was ever abundant and constant. Their memory remains a benediction and an inspiration. Attention to religious services has been gratifying, and in the many particulars of Church work, numbers have participated with devotion and earnestness. The spirit of kindness and good will has been prevalent, and charity has not forgotten the needy at home, or far away.

Gravesend.—Reports a year of peace and quietness, and a good degree of interest in Church work as seen from the human side. All the means of grace have been well attended though nothing of a special nature has been apparent. An excessive dearth of some of the best material

in the Church has been our lot. We mourn the loss of Jacobus Voorhees, a ruling Elder of many years, and a giant oak in our communion.

Flatlands.—Reports a year of peace and prosperity, and earnestly prays for greater spiritual enlargement.

New Lots.—Speaks of the past year as one of quiet, persevering work. As a Church we are still in an unsettled state on account of property changing hands, and removals of old families from the place. We have been greatly encouraged in being enabled to interest some of the hitherto non-Church going families in the Church.

East New York.—The year has been a slow one in Church work, owing to the stormy weather during the fall and winter, and to a prevalence of sickness. It has been a year, however, of delightful harmony and of true Christian sympathy, crowned with willing and liberal Easter offerings, which indicated true spirituality and hope of greater spiritual blessings. These offerings sum up very nearly $3,000, sufficient to pay off all debt hitherto unprovided for, and to put Church property in good condition. We thank the Lord and enjoy renewed courage.

South Brooklyn.—All the departments of the Church have been in successful operation during the year. Substantial progress has been made in every line. The attendance at the Sabbath services, and especially at the weekly prayer meetings, has been most gratifying. The Endeavor Society has maintained its record as a very helpful organization in cultivating and increasing deep-seated spirituality among the young people. The Ladies' Aid and the Missionary Societies have continued their much appreciated financial and benevolent support of the Church's work. The hope is entertained, that another year of work together of pastor, consistory, and people, shall mean for us only added blessings and increased usefulness.

Twelfth Street.—Statistical table only.

North Church.—No report.

Church on-the-Heights.—Statistical table only.

Bethany Chapel.—Statistical table only.

New Brooklyn.—Acknowledges with grateful hearts the gracious presence of the Lord among them during the past year. The Sabbath services have been regularly maintained and 31 souls have been added to the Church membership. Attendance on divine worship has increased, and the spirituality of the people is on the increase. All the societies have been doing efficient work, and we have been encouraged in our labors.

Second Flatbush.—Feels especially grateful this year. Through the grace of our Heavenly Father we were permitted to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Church during the month of March. Five hundred dollars ($500) of the debt of the parsonage were paid. The Sabbath School is in a flourishing condition, and is increasing constantly. Peace and harmony prevail, and the spiritual condition of the Church has also improved.

Canarsie.—Our Church is in good circumstances in every direction.

Bedford.—No report.

St. Thomas.—No report.

Ocean Hill.—The gospel has been preached and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered regularly in our Church during the year. The prayer meeting has been well maintained by our people, and the Sabbath School, well organized and manned with efficient and faithful officers and teachers, so that by the maintenance of these regularly appointed means of grace, we feel confident that the word of the Lord shall not return to Him void, but shall prosper in the thing whereto He sent it. We labor in faith, sowing beside all waters, awaiting the harvest blessing.

Edgewood.—We report a little gain in the face of some obstacles, pastor's illness for two (2) months, bad weather and the organization of a new Baptist Church in the immediate vicinity. Still the Spirit of God is with us, shown

in good attendance, some gains among the young people of the Sabbath School to the Church, and helpful prayer meetings.

Ridgewood.—The spiritual condition of the Church is hopeful; an increased interest is being manifested all along the line of Church work: The various Church Societies are all doing commendable work. The membership of the Church has been increased, and the financial obligations of the Church are met with fidelity. Our Sabbath School is in a flourishing condition. Seven (7) catechumens were publicly confirmed in the Church on Easter Sabbath, a large congregation being impressed at the solemn service. A spirit of unity and harmony seems to prevail among the people. We thank God and take courage.

Greenwood Heights.—We are not able to report large additions to our members, nor can we say there has been any special religious interest during the past year. The services of the Church have been well sustained. The different branches of Church work have been carried on with much interest and with fair success. The Sabbath School has increased in numbers, and the attendance of the children at the morning services has been remarkably good. They have had their talk before the regular sermon and have seemed greatly interested. With better weather and better going we expect to see an increase in attendance.

Bay Ridge.—Statistical table.

German American Reformed.—As we built our Church this year, it was an impossibility for us to take up collections for *all* Boards, but we hope to be able to do it next year.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, D.D., was received from the North Classis of Long Island, October 18, 1898.

The pastoral relation between the Church of St. Thomas, W. I., and the Rev. James C. Hume, was dissolved November 7, 1898.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. M. ARCULARIUS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The Classis of New York respectfully reports to the Particular Synod of New York:

Besides the story the statistical table tells little remains to be told.

Of the several churches added to the roll of the Classis but one is a new organization; the remainder have been transferred from the Classis of Westchester.

The new Church is the Bethany Memorial and has been organized by the Classis from what had previously been the Bethany Memorial Chapel of the Madison Avenue Church.

A beautiful and well appointed building has been erected by the Collegiate Church for the congregation of the Knox Memorial Chapel. Probably the largest Bible Class in the city is now conducted there.

The churches all seem in a healthful condition. Harmony prevails within, difficulties are bravely faced, and opportunities are eagerly met. The number of members received on confession of faith does not vary largely from that of last year. No single church reports an unusually large ingathering—nor has there been in any of our churches a remarkable barrenness.

The benevolent contributions for denominational purposes are considerably larger than those of last year. There are indications of watchfulness and eagerness to form plans and enter upon work which give promise of a growth of our Church more commensurate with the growth of the city.

H. V. S. MYERS, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

The reports from the various churches were forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee with commendable promptness, for which the pastors and consistories have our thanks. These reports indicate that the past year has not been one of fruit gathering.

While there have been additions to the membership of all the churches except one, the losses by dismissal and death have in most cases more than balanced the increase. The largest net gain was in one of our smaller churches, Grahamsville. This, though not so stated in the report, we understand was the result of special evangelistic work. Several consistories have sent this year a revised list of membership. The result is that there is an apparent loss of twenty eight members as compared with last year.

The Sabbath Schools of the Classis have held their own and are reported as flourishing, almost without exception.

The benevolent contributions for denominational objects show a large decrease; nearly $450. With few exceptions the churches contributed less to the Boards this year than last. Deerpark, however, shows an increase of $242. The benevolences for other objects show a correspondingly large increase, $618 over last year, showing that there has been an extraordinary demand upon the churches for home benevolences. The item for congregational expenses shows an increase of about $2,000. The total amount of money raised by the Classis for religious and benevolent purposes is about $2,500 dollars more this year than last.

But few of the churches report matters of special importance. All complain of having suffered in various ways by the long-continued and severe winter, and by a series of Sundays of remarkably unfavorable weather.

Fallsburgh has built a new parsonage.

Minnisink rejoices in a new house of worship nearly ready for dedication.

Bloomingburgh has lost heavily by death.

Newburgh has organized a very hopeful mission school.

Ellenville has been called on to assume the entire support of two aged and destitute members.

Nothing unusual occurred in the other churches. Evidently it has been a year to try the fidelity, steadfastness and grace of God's people. Having been found faithful, may we not look for the reward in the year to come?

Respectfully submitted,

C. VAN OOSTENBRUGGE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

The Committee on the State of Religion have received reports from all the churches and respectfully submit a summary of their contents.

First Poughkeepsie states we are grieved we can not report a year of prosperity. The Gospel has been faithfully preached and much faithful work has been done in the several organizations. Nevertheless there are some encouraging signs of increase of spiritual life. The Consistory and a portion of the members of the Church have been awakened to a profound sense of the need of the quickening power of the Spirit of God; and to more earnest prayer and activity. We hope and believe that the prayer will be answered and the activity blessed. The total of benevolent contributions is somewhat greater than that of last year.

Second Poughkeepsie reports a year containing many blessings. A chapel has been erected for mission work in the southwest part of the city. "The building, which is called Immanuel Chapel, was completed last summer at a cost, (including lot), of about $2,600, and was dedicated free of debt on Oct. 2, 1898. It is attractive and convenient, and is kept constantly in use for various forms of religious work.

"By special subscriptions about $3,000 has been raised to clear off a floating debt of some years standing, and to pay for various church improvements. The larger part of this sum does not appear in this year's report of congregational contributions.

"The Consistory has been enlarged from eight to twelve members, and finds its efficiency correspondingly increased. The church has recently adopted individual communion cups, and is well pleased with them."

Fishkill reports that the usual religious and ecclesiastical activities have been maintained. Some fruit has been apparent. Discouragements have been offset by encouragements, so that "we are ready like Paul to thank God and take courage."

Hopewell reports almost continuously for the past six months sickness in the congregation, and the inclement weather have greatly retarded the work of the church. The year closed however with evangelistic services which have deeply stirred the congregation and aroused much interest. We feel sure we shall see much fruit during the coming year.

The prevailing hard times with the farmers, together with the stormy Sundays, have seriously affected the offerings of the church, but we have no debt.

We are thankful to the head of the Church for whatever progress has been made. The future is encouraging.

New Hackensack reports. We view the record of the past year with gratitude for the services, we, as a church, have been able to render, and for the sheaves we have been privileged to gather. Excellent work has been done by the various societies.

The total amount contributed to the Boards of the church is less than usual, but the foreign mission offering has been larger. The Spirit of the Lord is with us. There are many indications of His working and the outlook is bright with hope.

Rhinebeck reports harmony prevails and the ordinances are regularly observed. Eight members of the

church have died, the largest number reported in a single year during the present pastorate.

The church has been painted and thoroughly repaired at an expense of upward of $900.00.

The Consistory offered the church building to the Methodists for Sunday evening worship, their edifice having been destroyed by fire.

Fishkill on-Hudson reports the year past has been one of anxiety on the part of our church. Much of the time our pastor has been disabled by illness. All the services have been maintained. We sorrow that more has not been accomplished.

Hyde Park reports the spiritual state of the church has been good. Our revival services have left us in an excellent frame of spiritual mindedness. The attendance and interest in all the services are good. We are united and growing slowly. We have special reason to rejoice and to thank God and take courage.

Glenham states, we regret, that no decided progress and increase can be reported, yet the average attendance and interest in the ordinances of the church have by no means become less. There has been, in fact, some evidence of the working of the spirit. The present peculiar perplexing conditions we trust will be overcome eventually by even greater faith and zeal for the Lord's house.

Cold Spring reports the Sunday School room has been handsomely repaired. A Young People's Union has been organized which promises to be very helpful spiritually and financially. The congregation is increasing. Everything denotes deep interest and progress.

Millbrook reports peace and harmony have continued. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor is a comfort to the pastor, a help to the spiritual life of the church and a credit to those who compose its membership.

The Ladies' Aid Society have recarpeted the church and recushioned the pews and otherwise renewed the interior. The study of missions by the Ladies' Auxiliary has resulted in increased zeal and larger monthly contri-

butions. The Mission Band continues to give $30 for the support of a pupil in the Mission School at Madanappe.

The chapel at Bloomvale has taken on new life and promises better work than ever before. Our Benevolent Contributions exceed those of last year by nearly 30 per cent. And we are thankful to God the addition to the membership of the church exceeds that of last year by ten.

A general survey of the condition of the churches shows that while the results of the past year's labors have not been all that could have been desired, the churches are nevertheless in a vigorous and hopeful condition.

Much faithful and energetic work has been done but the accessions on confession and by certificate are fewer than last year. The spiritual life, however, has been deepened and there is evidence of increased activities and confidence expressed of realizing even greater blessings in the future. Peace and harmony prevail.

The diminution in the total number of communicants is owing to the revision of the rolls of three of the churches.

The contributions for denominational objects are again this year less than the previous year. Those for other objects and congregational purposes are larger.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The Rev. Joseph Gaston has been received from the Classis of Westchester and installed pastor of the church of Hyde Park. The Rev Joseph McIntyre has been received from the Classis of Schenectady and installed pastor of the church of Cold Spring.

W. V. D. STRONG, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

Your committee on the State of Religion beg leave to submit the underwritten report. While the total number of our churches has diminished by the dismissal of Belmont, Fordham, and West Farms to the Classis of New York, the reports of the remainder bear indication of a

regular onward movement in spiritual life and material activity.

The year has not been remarkable for accessions in membership or increments in contribution; nor yet, in the case of any church, do there appear the signs of more than a temporary retrogression. The extremely unfavorable weather of the winter months has evidently wrought havoc with church attendance in our rural congregations. Death has claimed some of our influential workers. But the work goes on. And to the eyes of our faith the future is already disclosing "a hopeful outlook into the year about to open."

Bronxville reports statistics only.

Cortlandtown.—Having been without a pastor since the first of last November, we are naturally somewhat disorganized. There seems, however, to be a desire at present among the people to settle a pastor. We hope in a short time again to assume our place as an active member of the Classis.

Greenburgh.—The past year has been one of steady growth, numerical and spiritual. At the last communion eight adults were received into our membership. The church auxiliaries, viz.: the Ladies' Aid and Christian Endeavor Societies, have been active along lines of progressive church work. All preaching and prayer services have been well sustained. Owing to stormy Sundays we have fallen short in our offerings to benevolence. We are contemplating the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of our connection with the Reformed Church in America. Our church was originally Congregational, then Presbyterian, then Reformed.

Greenville.—The year has been one of patient waiting. Several unfavorable circumstances have affected our work. A change of site for a new school building, an epidemic of whooping-cough, stormy Sundays, and impassable roads have conspired to interfere with church attendance and collections. We are hoping and praying for better days, and an outpouring of the Spirit of God.

Hastings-on-Hudson.—Statistical reports only.

Melrose.—Melrose reports a growing field, strong Sunday School, and active Young People's Societies. The work hitherto, however, has been hampered by the hard necessity that compels pastor and consistory to be financial agents and collectors in the holding of their property. "We beg the brethren to remember Melrose in their prayers."

Mt. Vernon.—Statistical report only.

Park Hill.—The past year calls for grateful acknowledgement to God for His goodness. Despite large losses from removals and death, we have still gained in strength. The loss of Dr. N. S. King, our senior elder and treasurer of our Classis, brings also a sense of comfort, as we recall a long and exceptionally consistent and useful life and the assurance that he is at rest with God. This year also marks the deeding of our property to us by the First Reformed Church, and the beautifying of our sanctuary by new furnishings. Brethren, pray for us that the word of God may have free course.

Peekskill.—If the year's work were to be measured by its visible results, we should feel inclined to be discouraged. For the first time in fifteen years we report no accessions on confession of faith. Yet the usual work has been done in the church, the catechetical classes, the Sunday School and the parish.

Financially, we can report no better things. The income of the church is greatly diminished. Our benevolent contributions have fallen far below the average of preceding years. This may be accounted for partly by deaths and removals during the last two years, whereby the church has lost several liberal contributors, partly by the business depression from which Peekskill has not yet recovered. Another cause is the spiritual depression which is felt and mourned in all our Peekskill churches.

But our work is spiritual, and visible results can not be the measure. We walk by faith, not by sight. We are responsible for the sowing of the seed, but not for the

increase. The seed has been scattered, the divinely ordained means of grace have been employed. We are confident, therefore, that the promise, "they that sow in tears shall reap in joy," will in us be fulfilled.

Tarrytown, First.—The year past has been one of steady effort, and though little that is striking is to be noted in our history, there is much that we look back upon with satisfaction and gratitude. The Sunday School has been well attended, the Societies of Christian Endeavor have been active, our missionary zeal has been at least not less than heretofore, and our church attendance encouraging. We report no large accessions to our membership; but we record the good feeling which prevails, the general interest that is taken in the work of the church, and a hopeful outlook into the year about to open.

Tarrytown, Second.—Statistical report only.

Unionville.—Statistical report only.

Yonkers.—The First Reformed Church of Yonkers reports a period of continued, arduous and, under God, successful struggle with its great debt. During the past year, $20,000 of floating debt has been cancelled.

The organizations of the church are working harmoniously and effectively. Sabbath services have had a largely increased attendance. We lament the small increase in our communicant membership. And yet, it were impossible to expect anything else in our present financial strait * * * *

The care of the flock has necessarily been neglected in the struggle to preserve a roof over their heads. The Pastor has been like a man remote from his family, seeking the material sustenance on which life and continuity depend, but hindered thereby from full participation in the mental, moral and spiritual development of the lives so precious to him.

There are many among our young people who only need the encouragement which pastoral leisure will supply to secure them for an immediate profession of faith. Our

debt retards the work by discouraging the accession of new-comers and hindering the Pastor from seeking out the lambs of the flock.

God has been with us as we bring his tithes into the storehouse, and will be proved therewith, we trust, to open the windows of heaven for showers in the year now begun. Brethren, pray for us.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The Rev. Joseph Gaston was dismissed to the Classis of Poughkeepsie, April 22, 1898.

The Rev. Henry Smith was dismissed to the Classis of Schoharie, October 18, 1898.

The Rev. A. D. D. Fraser was dismissed to Southern Presbytery of Dakota, April 18, 1899.

ALBERT KUIPER, *Chairman.*

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects. R. A. P.	Other Objects. R. A. P.	Congregational. R. A. P.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
ARCOT	L. R. Scudder, M. D.	64	11	20	16	...	2	101	79	4	213	11	5	443	154 15 2	... ...	153 10 1	Ranipettai, Madras Pres., In.
Yehamur	Abraham Muni	419	24	27	22	15	3	261	...	...	665	791	24	485	130 9 6	... ...	312 13 ...	" " "
ARNI	E. C. Scudder	44	4	12	17	5	2	84	11	...	96	10	7	428	138 9 4	5 3 8	151 15 2	Arni N. A. " "
Alliendal	"	26	...	2	5	1	...	23	2	...	66	29	2	24	6 1 6	... ...	2 1 ...	" " " "
Marutuvambadi	"	46	...	...	...	...	...	28	...	...	48	129	3	61	16 5 11	... ...	9 12 ...	" " " "
Vellambi	"	16	...	2	..	...	...	26	2	...	45	3	1	19	7 5 11	... ...	10 14 11	" " " "
Gnanodiam	Moses Nathaniel	65	5	...	4	1	6	95	6	...	161	33	7	160	55 10 6	... ...	36 6 4	Chetpett, " "
Sattambadi	"	28	...	...	1	4	...	32	...	...	89	10	1	33	9 6 4	... ...	4 15 5	" " " "
CHITTOOR	John Yesuratnam	162	65	33	24	...	3	168	85	57	243	215	16	475	213 4 7	... ...	268 13 11	Chittoor, " "
COONOOR	E. C. Scudder	64	3	4	5	...	4	99	4	3	138	11	4	125	136 5 4	... ...	102 12 9	Arni, " " "
MADANAPALLE	John Souri, Joseph John	204	15	31	22	2	5	161	20	9	377	258	13	555	59 10 8	60 13 ...	408 2 4	Madanapalle, " "
PALMANER	E. Tavamani	24	2	9	16	...	...	52	5	...	43	13	3	127	113 8 ...	9 10 ...	129 ... 7	Palmaner, N.A., " "
TINDIVANAM	J. H. Wyckoff, S. C., Meschach Peter	45	13	9	11	..	..	89	10	13	147	23	6	342	133 13 7	15 9 4	204 6 3	Tindivanam, S.A., M. P., In.
Orattur	Paul Bailey	77	1	2	8	12	1	83	10	1	121	146	5	96	35 8 ...	... 8 ...	36 5 11	Villipuram, " " " "
Velleripett	"	72	18	...	7	3	4	74	21	21	133	136	7	86	22	... 8 ...	41 3 6	" " " "
Narasinganur	"	88	...	...	5	2	5	90	5	...	138	109	5	42	23 8 ...	... 8 ...	41 4 7	" " " "
Gingee	John Peter	51	1	7	7	...	1	64	3	1	70	78	3	52	34 8 ...	... 8 ...	41 ... 1	Gingee, " " "
Varikkal	"	42	3	12	13	4	2	72	14	1	118	20	4	70	24	... 8 ...	24 9 9	" " " "
Kolapakkam	"	88	32	13	15	4	2	148	28	30	166	68	8	97	24 12 ...	... 11 ...	41 15 3	" " " "
VELLORE	S. A. Sebastian	51	11	16	23	2	1	109	5	1	147	16	4	179	218 8 9	10	105 1 4	Vellore, N. A., " "
Kandiputtur	Isaac Lazar	121	6	11	13	5	3	131	16	9	155	146	6	170	17 4 6	2 10 ...	57 6 6	Tiruvallam, " "
Sekadu	"	74	4	1	12	...	1	90	6	8	101	69	3	78	4	... 10 ...	29 8 10	" " " "
Katpadi	Benjamin Thomas	173	2	5	9	1	1	146	14	9	277	232	9	229	60 2 ...	8 8 4	91 9 11	Katpadi, " " "
Kottapalli	"	128	3	7	5	3	...	78	4	4	131	196	10	225	26 4 4	3 2 ...	68 4 2	" " " "
	Total	2172	223	223	260	64	46	2304	350	212	3888	2752	156	4621	1666 1 11	119 5 4	2384 1 7	

Other Ministers.—J. Chamberlain, M. D., L. B. Chamberlain, Madanapalle, India; W. I. Chamberlain, in America; John Scudder, M. D., H. J. Scudder, Vellore, India; J. A. Beattie, Chittoor, India; H. Huizinga, Arcot, India; E Tavamani, Palmaner, India.

Candidates.—S. Santosham, J. Selvam, S. Chellan, Elias Nathaniel, N. Jotinayakam, John Wilkins, J. M. Soondram, David Muni, Cephas Whitehead, Simeon Cornelius, Jepamani Aaron, J. Solomon, J. Daniel, P. Timothy, T. Samuel, J. I. David, Edward Bedford, D. Lazar, Joseph Paul Bailey, John Kay, Isaac braham.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, Claverack	George H. Burrill	128	4	11	1	...	4	260	9	...	....	60	4	283	$ 508 34	$ 136 81	$ 1,400 00	Claverack, Col. Co., N.Y.
Gallatin	Benjamin A. Bartholf	68	1	...	...	...	3	106	..	...	....	....	1	60	44 63	.....	682 40	Mt. Ross, Dutchess Co., "
Germantown	Chalmers P. Dyke	115	4	2	2	...	2	180	5	..	....	190	1	212	250 00	50 00	1,580 00	Germantown, Col. Co., "
Greenport	Charles E. Corwin	102	2	2	5	...	...	154	...	1	....	50	2	125	165 66	14 91	996 65	Greendale, " "
Hudson	Charles Park	270	7	13	7	...	12	425	3	3	....	....	1	225	1,083 00	495 00	4,036 00	Hudson, " "
Linlithgo	Jonah W. Vaughan (s.c)	70	8	...	...	...	...	181	2	2	43	75	1	120	144 00	37 00	1,176 00	Livingston, " "
Livingston at Linlithgo*	Frederick K. Schild (s.s)	73	2	3	4	2	1	96	2	...	....	30	2	201	27 13	7 44	721 89	Linlithgo, " "
Mellenville	David M. Hunter	110	...	1	...	...	6	215	2	..	46	....	1	148	121 85	20 22	1,363 00	Mellenville, " "
Philmont	Francis V. Van Vranken	120	11	4	5	...	3	253	3	4	37	100	1	209	864 50	81 52	1,576 42	Philmont, " "
Upper Red Hook	Vacant	60	...	...	6	...	5	128	3	...	....	56	1	83	183 21	59 17	951 54	UpperRedH'k,Dutch.Co. "
West Copake	William E. Compton	97	2	2	3	...	1	120	...	2	80	152	1	152	117 59	6 15	1,019 16	West Copake, Col. Co., "
	Total	1243	41	38	33	2	36	2118	29	12	206	713	16	1758	$ 3,515 00	$907 00	$ 16,163 00	

* Last year's report.

Other Ministers.—Edward T. Corwin, Riverdale, N. J.; David F. Williams, Albany, N. Y.; Mortimer Smith, Saugerties, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Bloomingdale	Joseph Millett	150	5	3	1	...	7	281	20	...	....	125	1	325	$ 60 68	$ 10 00	$ 800 00	Bloomington, Ulster Co., N. Y
The Clove	Herman Hageman (s.c.)	160	4	3	6	1	9	317	9	2	289	100	3	350	383 73	17 90	1,630 98	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	Supplied	38	...	2	...	...	2	83	1	...	....	....	1	40	5 00	5 00	316 87	Rifton Glen, " "
Gardiner	T. F. Bayles	70	8	3	3	...	2	128	5	3	21	118	1	118	19 00	10 00	1,637 10	Gardiner, " "
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher	70	2	...	1	...	2	114	...	2	85	57	2	126	53 00	23 25	900 00	Libertyville, " "
Hurley	A. H. Schlieder	75	2	4	2	1	1	149	6	..	47	30	1	82	191 86	26 43	1,219 40	Hurley, " "
Kingston, Fair Street	F. B. Seeley	245	8	28	19	...	8	426	4	2	100	50	1	300	358 41	179 36	5,275 37	Kingston, " "
Krumville	Supplied	25	...	...	2	..	..	78	...	...	40	12	1	75	6 60	.....	218 00	Krumville, " "
Lyonsville	Supplied	40	2	...	3	...	4	60	..	2	....	...	1	59	1 25	.....	219 25	Kripplebush, " "
Marbletown	George Davis	93	13	3	...	...	6	214	14	3	...	....	2	125	134 52	14 90	869 00	Stone Ridge, " "
Marbletown, North	George Davis (s.s.)	50	1	3	...	..	7	201	2	1	....	....	2	60	33 80	.....	307 00	Stone Ridge, " "
New Paltz	E. C. Oggel	276	12	10	8	2	10	576	8	4	400	100	6	520	580 00	119 00	3,326 00	New Paltz, " "
Rochester	John L. McNair	110	2	...	4	2	5	176	7	1	78	....	5	351	94 84	13 08	939 00	Accord, " "
Rosendale	William Coombe	102	5	3	4	...	3	248	9	3	...	....	1	154	7 00	.....	1,851 03	Rosendale, " "
Rosendale Plains	William Coombe	75	6	4	...	...	..	92	3	3	...	....	1	86	10 71	.....	681 83	Rosendale, " "
St. Remy	Joseph Millett	60	1	...	2	...	7	115	...	...	...	....	1	135	10 00	4 00	400 00	Bloomington, " "
	Total	1639	71	66	55	6	73	3258	88	26	1060	592	30	2906	$1,950 40	$422 92	$20,590 83	

Other Ministers.—Paul T. Deyo, Krumville, N. Y.; James Cantine, Missionary; Samuel T. Searle, New Brunswick, N. J.; J. R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, N. Y.

Candidates.—Eugene H. Keator, Rosendale, N. Y.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C.C. & S.S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent, Denominational Objects.	Benevolent, Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Jamaica	Robert K. Wick†	200	5	3	13	...	4	391	12	...	12	..	2	308	$ 728 33	.....	$ 3,386 49	Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.
Newtown	Charles K. Clearwater	135	20	5	3	...	3	230	6	...	....	...	2	308	140 00	$ 80 00	2,900 00	Elmhurst, N. Y.
Oyster Bay	Walter Tracy Scudder	100	5	2	5	...	2	131	3	4	....	40	1	82	161 38	7 58	1,801 48	Glen Head, L. I., N. Y.
North Hempstead	Alfred Duncombe	70	10	2	...	...	3	157	1	3	....	....	2	125	58 00	.....	4,125 73	Manhasset, N. Y.
Williamsburgh	Howard Wilbur Ennis	132	3	6	10	...	4	*181	...	...	....	....	1	260	417 54	69 00	6,182 13	473 Bedford Av., Bklyn, N.Y.
Astoria	John Charles Rauscher	121	17	3	11	...	..	*181	7	3	....	....	1	235	342 6*	.....	2,800 00	Astoria, L. I., "
Flushing	Rockwell H. Potter	152	21	28	4	...	3	302	18	5	....	..	2	363	643 02	448 83	5,455 96	60 S. Parsons Av., Flush'g "
Kent Street, Brooklyn	Lewis Francis	180	8	7	8	...	8	*370	20	...	....	....	2	775	1,890 16	48 91	9,321 56	143 Noble St., Brooklyn, "
South Bushwick	George D. Hulst	200	21	3	10	...	4	*410	33	4	....	....	1	1300	219 95	60 50	4,081 27	15 Himrod St, " "
Second, Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	100	8	...	...	...	2	299	67	...	...	20	1	225	163 98	23 00	1,282 28	520 Second Av., Astoria, "
East Williamsburgh	Vacant	12	...	...	...	...	...	50	...	...	....	....	1	150	.....	.....	300 00	Metropolitan, L. I., "
Queens	J. S. N. Demarest	81	5	3	2	...	1	167	5	1	..	150	1	200	559 82	8 00	1,425 92	Queens, " "
German Ev., Brooklyn	John C Guenther	200	3	...	...	...	10	350	75	2	....	90	2	700	50 00	100 00	1,900 00	56 Union Av., Brooklyn, "
Sayville	John Hoffmann	62	1	1	3	...	3	106	5	...	....	25	1	110	51 10	6 38	999 77	West Sayville, L. I., "
Locust Valley	Vacant	28	...	1	...	...	2	30	...	...	....	....	1	60	.....	.....	.....	Locust Valley, " "
College Point	Frank Malven	105	9	1	3	...	2	151	19	...	....	105	1	167	245 21	54 68	1,635 14	College Point, " "
First, L. I. City	Alexander Shaw	50	8	...	4	..	1	72	17	...	....	125	1	125	64 65	30 00	936 52	102 AcademySt., "
Bushwick	William H. Jackson	200	8	...	...	...	2	*250	9	2	....	....	1	400	24 00	92 00	3,285 00	323 S. 5th St., Brooklyn, "
German Ev., Jamaica	Vacant	66	6	...	...	...	4	160	31	...	....	....	1	190	190 00	45 00	1,102 37	Jamaica, L. I., "
Hicksville	Ernest Gutwe ler	73	1	...	1	...	...	68	5	...	....	1	1	150	6 50	5 00	1,051 00	Hicksville, " "
Second, Newtown	August G. F Bender	53	9	...	...	...	...	118	11	...	4	8	1	88	15 00	8 00	981 09	Elmhurst, " "
Steinway	Uriah D. Gulick (S S.)	44	9	...	...	...	...	85	6	...	....	....	1	375	575 75	10 61	1,408 48	Steinway, " "
Church of Jesus, Bklyn	August Guenther	68	7	...	...	...	3	104	36	...	....	22	1	285	12 00	4 00	850 00	15 Central Place, Bklyn, "
New Hyde Park	Vacant	17	...	...	...	...	...	27	...	...	....	....	1	207	9 00	46 00	494 52	New Hyde Park, L. I., "
Sunnyside, L. I. City	Daniel P. Doyle	30	6	2	...	...	...	35	12	...	....	....	1	145	38 41	.....	725 00	157 Skillman Av., " City "
	Total	2479	190	67	77		61	4425	398	24	16	691	31	8133	$6,606 43	$1,147 49	$58,431 71	

Other Ministers.—E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. H. Ten Eyck (S. C.), 159 West 93d Street, New York; Robert H. Barr, Newburgh, N. Y.; M. V. Schoonmaker, West Chester, Penn.; James Demarest, 11 Revere Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.; John Baumeister, 273 Lincoln Street, Flushing, L. I., N. Y.; John H. Smock, Locust Valley, L. I., N. Y.; David E. Van Gieson, 94 Kent Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Candidate.—Hermon H. Shook, 69 Nassau Street, New York.

* Revised List. † Pastor Elect.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects	Congregational.	
First Reformed	James M. Farrar	345	47	56	17	...	10	901	36	12	....		2	1226	$ 1,077 79	$ 1,000 00	.....	857 President St., Brooklyn.
Flatbush	Cornelius L. Wells	150	3	11	3	...	4	470	8	...	240	0	1	480	2,392 00	2,580 00	.....	900 Flatbush Av., " N.Y.
Grace Chapel	William H. Boocock	106	4	15	2	...	1	....	11	1	132	30	1	218	70 00	28 71	$ 804 26	199 Lincoln Road, " "
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	100	4	12	...	...	4	335	3	...	...	75	1	400	2,102 12	186 86	3,800 67	7920 18th Av., " "
Gravesend	Peter V. Van Buskirk	120	7	...	1	...	7	252	27	2	....	...	3	511	605 42	117 49	4,400 00	Station M., " "
Flatlands	John S. Gardner (s.c.)	88	3	5	1	...	5	203	7	...	....	40	2	276	565 84	125 60	3,200 00	44 Kowenhoven Pl., " "
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	80	4	1	6	...	...	225	10	...	....	50	1	372	444 76	150 00	2 300 00	New Lots Av., Sta. E., " "
East New York	James M. Dickson	160	4	...	3	...	...	†270	3	...	..		1	420	333 00	400 00	3,267 00	53 Vermont Av., " "
South Brooklyn	Benj. E. Dickhaut	230	18	43	15	...	3	443	31	4	....	375	1	680	407 00	92 00	3,269 00	165 52d Street, " "
12th Street	John E. Lloyd	337	45	10	12	...	4	860	20	6	350	280	1	1200	560 00	777 33	7,919 16	806 Carroll Street, " "
North	Evert Van Slyke (s.s.)	....	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	403 Washington Av., " "
Church-on-the-Heights	J. Douglas Adam	145	37	20	11	...	12	‡233	10	3	...	...	1	74	3,813 00	1,712 00	9,224 00	72 Willow Street, " "
Bethany Chapel	George N. Makely	160	10	3	4	...	7	175	15	1	....	....	1	431	240 00	235 00	1,550 00	125 Vanderbilt Av., " "
New Brooklyn	Fred. C. Erhardt	135	31	...	4	...	15	357	65	...	...	16	1	275	106 86	47 50	27 63	1062 Herkimer St., " "
Second Flatbush	Louis Goebel	52	9	...	...	...	...	....	10	...		11	1	132	15 00	7 00	391 64	Church Ave., " "
Canarsie	John Ficken	25	4	..	...	...	2	100	11	...	16	8	1	66	89 00	20 00	1,680 00	Canarsie, " "
Bedford	Vacant	....	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Thomas, W. I.	Vacant	35	24	...	2	...	5	100	2	...	....	27	1	60	.....	.....	.....	St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Ocean Hill	A. Messler Quick	50	1	...	3	...	..	141	3	..	...	60	1	175	15 72	25 00	.....	56 Seventh Av., Brooklyn.
Edgewood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams	40	3	5	3	...	...	92	3	...	34	....	1	225	80 00	20 00	1,200 00	Station K, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Ridgewood	G. R. Israel	50	7	5	...	...	..	45	22	...	13	7	1	200	12 00	2 55	750 00	Evergreen P. O., New York,
Greenwood Heights	A. P. Stockwell (s.s.)	30	2	...	...	...	...	‡63	4	...	....	....	1	124	70 62	.....	576 27	145 Berkeley Pl., Brooklyn.
Bay Ridge	Chas. Judson Scudder	75	11	10	2	...	...	‡108	1	3	50	161	1	226	297 94	54 77	4,506 15	2d Av. and 80th St., " N.Y.
German Amer. Reform'd	Wm. J. H. Boetcker	73	38	4	11	1	3	138	31	...	20	14	2	196	5 00	6 00	2,250 00	414 Chestnut St., " "
	Total	2586	316	200	100	1	82	5511	333	32	865	1294	27	7967	$13,303 07	$7,587 81	$ 51,115 78	

* Including 163 Members of Grace Chapel. ‡ Revised List. † List in process of revision.

Other Ministers.—Daniel Rapalje, Amoy, China; John Mason Ferris, Editor "Christian Intelligencer," Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Uriah D. Gulick, Steinway, L. I. City; D. N. Vanderveer, Greenport, L. I.; Walter T. Griffin, Limoges, France, U. S. Consul; Edwin F. See, Y. M. C. A., 502 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; J. L. Zabriskie, Flatbush, Brooklyn, N. Y; W. R. Davis, Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. D. W. Mason, Editor "Mission Field," 35 E. 22d Street, N. Y. City.; H. T. Jones, Bergen Point, Bayonne, N. J.; William D. Perry, 198 Washington Park, Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. M. Arcularius, 403 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Daniel Van Pelt, 30 Remsen Street, Astoria, N. Y.; James C. Hume, Babylon, L. I.

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Collegiate	Edward B. Coe, S. M.																	42 W. 52d St., N. Y. City
" Fifth Avenue	Donald Sage Mackay.																	20 E. 66th St., "
" "	A. Hageman, Asst.																	139 W. 84th St., "
" Marble	David J. Burrell,																	248 W. 75th St., "
" "	Alfred E. Myers, Asst.																	309 W. 70th St., "
" "	A. H. Bradshaw, "																	
" West End	Henry E. Cobb	1970	130	89	167	2	34	3602	82	17	....	....	8	3550	$42,113 00	$8,217 00	.....	370 West End Ave., "
" Middle	John G. Fagg, Edward Niles																	3 Rutherford Place, "
" Univer. Heights	Ferdinand S. Schenck																	University Heights, "
" North Ch. Chapel																		
" Thirty-fourth St.	John H. Elliott,																	223 Central Park W., "
" KnoxMem.Chap'l	William Vaughan																	355 W. Boulevard, "
" Vermilye Chapel																		
Harlem Collegiate	Joachim Elmendorf, William J. Harsha, Edgar Tilton, Jr.	....	82	107	45	1	14	1747	26	13	...	450	2	1175	5,010 00	3,742 00	.....	"Winthrop," 125thSt.,7thAv 269 Lenox Ave., N. Y. City 13 W. 120th St., "
South	Roderick Terry	220	5	2	4	....	..	275	3	1	97	97	2	241	9,000 00	1,000 00	$11,000 00	169 Madison Ave., "
Manor Chapel, South	James Palmer	200	40	4	2	...	2	261	19	3	160	75	2	425	150 00	150 00	1,000 00	272½ N.7th St., Newark, N.J.
Staten Island	Alfred H. Demarest	180	1	5	4	...	7	368	21	...		225	2	600	697 00	171 00	5,570 00	Port Richmond, S. I.
Bloomingdale	Madison C. Peters	360	40	31	10	...	6	400	24	9	....	....	2	650	20 00	2,100 00	14,000 00	B'way and 68th St., N. Y. C.
Madison Avenue	Abbott E. Kittredge	493	38	53	121	...	10	1277	15	6	....	....	2	1366	15,656 00	5,072 00	24,536 00	711 Park Ave., "
German Evang. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	55	11	...	4	...	8	236	30	2	....	11	2	325	340 00	726 00	1,726 00	78 Second St., "
Huguenot	David Junor	70	1	...	...	...	...	40	...	...	...	....	1	86	50 00	.....	700 00	Sea Side, S. I., "

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Mott Haven	Vacant*	100	6	9	15	...	10	203	29	...	150	200	2	500	$ 270 00	$ 100 00	.....	.....
Union, High Bridge	Henry M. Cox	135	4	3	13	...	3	194	12	1	107	159	1	305	648 00	248 00	$ 3,659 00	Woody Crest Ave., H. B.
Fourth, German	John H. Oerter	110	15	...	4	...	2	389	25	1	150	25	1	250	283 00	115 00	1,778 00	248 W. 40th St., N. Y. City.
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	22	...	...	8	...	2	57	1	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	3 E. 94th St., "
Avenue B, German	Jacob Schlegel	155	37	...	3	...	11	633	206	...	...	42	1	630	185 00	350 00	2,500 00	602—5th St., "
Brighton Heights	James C. Stout	130	12	12	1	...	4	†198	4	4	....	....	1	365	280 00	154 90	3,111 00	New Brighton, S. I.
Union	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Norfolk St., German	Charles Schlegel	....	40	...	...	...	2	200	44	..	...	40	2	300	.....	.....	.....	68th St., near 1st Av., "
Kreischerville, St. Pt'rs	Jacob Gauss	200	4	...	10	...	2	150	12	1	....	18	2	230	.....	.....	280 00	Kreischerville, S. I.
Grace	Joseph R. Duryee	229	15	8	2	...	8	306	19	3	....	40	1	232	139 00	262 00	4,415 00	139 E. 36th St., N. Y. City.
Hamilton Grange	Charles B. Chapin	125	12	21	17	...	4	319	6	2	....	....	1	250	280 00	70 00	3,366 00	355 W. 145th St., "
Church of the Comf'rter	Henry V. S. Myers	30	6	3	...	...	...	55	1	1	14	100	1	110	35 00	.....	941 00	504 E. 162d St., "
Anderson Memorial	James Hunter	31	...	2	1	...	..	62	5	...	....	....	1	120	5 00	.....	1,286 00	2243 Barbgate Ave., "
West Farms	Herman C. Weber	50	1	1	...	...	...	26	1	...	....	....	1	70	.....	2 00	547 00	Boston Road, West Farms.
Fordham	Joseph Merlin Hodson	125	5	4	1	...	3	227	14	1	....	....	1	162	776 00	80 00	5,307 00	Fordham, N. Y.
Bethany Memorial	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	4990	505	354	435	3	132	11225	599	65	678	1482	39	11942	$75,937 00	$22,559 00	$85,722 00	

* Last year's report. † Revised List.

Other Ministers.—Leonard W. Kip, Amoy, China; C. H. H. Wolff, E. Rothesay Miller, Yokohama, Japan; Hasbrouck Du Bois, High Brgide, New York City; G. H. Mandeville, 132 W. 82d St., N. Y. City; Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; E. A. Reed, Holyoke, Mass.; A. J. Park, Huntington, Conn.: W. W. Clark, 27 W. 26th St., New York City; A. G. Vermilye, Englewood, N. J.; William Westerfield, 107 W. 123d Street, N. Y. City; Walter Laidlaw, N. Y. City; E. J. Runk, Hyde Park, N. Y.; A. H. H. Bechger, London, Eng.; Thos. O. Lowe, New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y.; Frank H. Wright, Walter C. Roe, Colony, Oklahoma; Fred. J. Barney, Arabia; William S. Baker, 240 Third St., Jersey City, N. J.; Chas. H. Dickerson, W. L. Johnson, Orangeburg, S. C.

Candidates.—M. G. Schwartz, Henry Z. Kyle, N. Y. City.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

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Berea	E. V. V. Searle, S. C.	35	...	...	1	...	2	98	...	..	17	10	1	42	$ 68 00	$ 5 00	$ 636 00	Walden, N. Y.
Bloomingburg	J. L. Stillwell	60	1	...	...	1	5	109	1	...	....	....	1	75	65 09	.....	750 00	Bloomingburg, N. Y.
Callicoon	Henry Unglaub	62	8	...	1	...	5	135	12	...	...	15	1	110	11 00	15 00	735 00	Callicoon, "
*Claraville	Vacant	17	...	...	...	...	...	41	...	...	....	..	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	Grahamsville, "
Cuddebackville	Louis Hieber	52	3	...	1	...	...	94	5	3	10	..	1	74	74 00	.....	746 00	Cuddebackville, "
Deerpark	Thomas H. Mackenzie.	254	13	5	10	..	12	539	7	6	208	100	2	460	814 00	713 00	4,122 00	Port Jervis, "
Ellenville	Herman C. Berg	170	11	3	4	1	3	308	7	5	...	200	1	246	241 00	262 00	2,461 00	Ellenville, "
Fallsburgh	B. T. Statesir	85	11	2	2	...	5	135	2	7	....	15	2	146	107 00	5 00	2,619 00	Woodbourne, "
Grahamsville	Vacant	37	21	1	...	...	...	98	...	16	....	....	1	90	8 00	.....	318 00	Grahamsville, "
Kerhonkson	C. Van Oostenbrugge	50	1	...	...	...	1	59	...	...	....	....	1	80	6 00	.....	400 00	Kerhonkson, "
Mamakating	S. T. Clifton	55	2	4	...	...	1	105	...	1	....	25	1	50	10 00	.....	749 00	Wurtsboro, "
Minnisink	Vacant	25	4	...	...	...	...	50	...	3	....	....	1	35	2 00	.....	130 00	Montague, New Jersey.
Montgomery	J. F. Berg	175	5	...	7	...	12	425	13	4	....	200	2	235	658 00	40 00	3,148 00	Montgomery, N. Y.
Newburgh	Robert H. Beattie	183	...	6	5	...	5	301	5	...	...	....	2	271	221 00	194 00	4,090 00	Newburgh, "
New Hurley	John A. Thurston	104	8	1	3	...	...	151	4	5	50	75	2	102	43 00	3 00	1,167 00	New Hurley, "
New Prospect	E. O. Moffett	104	4	1	2	..	4	193	6	2	...	143	1	143	270 00	62 00	1,147 00	Pine Bush, "
Port Jervis, Second	D. F. Harris	35	5	...	...	1	...	40	3	2	17	..	1	100	17 00	.....	627 00	Port Jervis, "
Shawangunk	Vacant	85	3	3	6	1	4	165	7	1	....	60	4	165	46 00	21 00	1,100 00	Bruynswick, "
*Unionville	Vacant	7	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	....	....	1	25	4 00	.....	40 00	Grahamsville, "
Walden	Wm. Wyckoff Schomp.	180	10	19	3	..	10	385	7	4	120	235	1	235	546 00	125 00	2,969 00	Walden, "
Wallkill Valley	Marion T. Conklin	95	4	1	...	...	...	*194	3	1	....	....	1	215	212 00	51 00	1,419 00	Wallkill, "
Walpack, Upper	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	..	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dingman's Ferry, Pa.
" Lower	Chas. H. Whittaker	72	...	...	...	...	..	136	...	..	....	..	2	100	60 00	36 00	700 00	Bushkill, "
Wawarsing	C. Van Oostenbrugge.	45	1	...	2	...	1	43	...	1	....	....	1	80	19 00	5 00	625 00	Napanoch, N. Y.
	Total	1877	115	45	47	4	70	3817	81	61	492	1278	33	3158	$3,498 00	$1,537 00	$30 700 00	

Other Ministers.—F. W. Ruhl, Grahamsville, N. Y.; J. E. Bernart, Chester, N. Y.; H. A. Hendrickson, Flushing, L. I., N. Y.; S. W. Mills, Port Jervis, N. Y.; Gilbert S. Garretson, Dingman's Ferry, Pa.

Candidate.—August M. Gliddon.

*Revised List.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C.C. & S.S. Number of Catechumens.	C.C. & S.S. No. of S. Schools.	C.C. & S.S. Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Other Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson (S.C.)	200	3	...	13	...	12	*443	4	2	....	....	1	311	$1,186 00	$2,136 00	$3,161 00	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second, "	Wm. Bancroft Hill	160	11	4	11	...	10	434	7	4	..	....	2	288	1,505 00	3,500 00	4,851 99	" "
Fishkill	A. H. Huizinga	110	5	1	1	...	2	244	2	3	....	...	1	113	193 57	70 93	1,832 79	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	Ernest Clapp	90	1	1	5	...	1	*170	2	...	....	....	4	150	222 42	47 65	1,000 00	Hopewell Junction, N. Y.
New Hackensack	Wm. A. Dumont	88	5	3	3	..	2	184	5	3	....	....	†4	175	260 46	23 18	931 86	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	J. Howard Suydam	118	4	1	...	...	8	224	...	1	..	....	1	100	343 55	377 78	2,318 90	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	Charles W. Fritts	135	1	...	2	...	1	344	5	...	....	....	1	180	393 65	177 17	4,691 00	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	Joseph Gaston	51	7	6	4	...	1	*80	3	1	...	....	1	90	336 00	22 00	1,317 00	Hyde Park-on-Hudson, "
Glenham	Wm. V. D. Strong	43	2	2	3	...	1	66	..	...	....	....	1	79	26 68	8 66	521 81	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Joseph McIntyre	35	4	..	...	...	...	44	1	3	...	....	1	60	6 00	.....	567 99	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	J. E. Lyall	103	10	7	4	...	2	177	5	5	....	....	2	156	564 00	134 00	1,773 00	Millbrook, "
	Total	1133	53	25	46		40	2410	34	22			19	1702	$5,037 33	$6,487 37	$22,966 34	

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, 25 East 23d Street, New York City; Rev. F. F. Wilson, Asbury Park, N. J.; Rev. Philip W. Pitcher, Amoy, China.

* Revised List. † Two are Union Schools.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C.C. & S.S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent, Denominational Objects.	Benevolent, Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Bronxville	Wm. S. C. Webster	62	2	3	3	...	...	70	10	...	20	....	1	122	$308 00	$ 32 00	$1,824 00	Bronxville, New York City.
Cortlandtown	Vacant	90	..	...	...	...	3	120	...	...	....	....	2	150	2 86	5 00	927 87	Montrose, N. Y.
Greenburgh	G. A. T. Goebel	40	...	8	...	...	...	40	6	...	....	40	1	85	26 40	.....	611 50	Elmsford, "
Greenville	J. A Harper	43	...	..	...	...	2	72	...	...	....	14	1	60	13 08	140 64	832 90	Scarsdale, "
Hastings	O. L. Sigafoos	70	5	4	2	...	2	89	3	...	....	30	1	125	42 00	.. ....	1,454 41	Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.
Melrose	Geo. H. Miller	92	34	3	6	...	4	306	48	...	34	14	1	380	....	70 00	2,023 00	748 EltonAv., NewYork City
Mount Vernon	C. H. Tyndall	151	24	14	...	.	1	273	2	3	....	100	2	200	649 13	98 59	3,746 13	Mount Vernon, N. Y.
Park Hill	Wm. P. Bruce	100	6	17	11	..	3	144	4	3	50	100	1	165	267 82	82 00	3,413 37	B'way Av., Yonkers, N. Y.
Peekskill	Henry De Vries	101	..	1	3	1	3	174	5	...	67	25	1	75	56 70	20 35	1,100 00	Peekskill, " "
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	130	4	2	5	...	7	314	6	...	....	....	1	268	878 00	355 00	5,295 00	Tarrytown, " "
" Second	Arthur F. Mabon	89	9	5	...	...	4	183	2	5	27	58	1	139	297 52	38 43	2,146 80	" " "
Unionville	Albert Kuiper	60	.	...	...	...	3	82	2	...	25	....	1	68	38 81	58 56	834 77	Neperan, " "
Yonkers	T. E. Inglis	150	1	7	3	...	5	419	6	...	120	...	1	206	297 00	32 00	25,529 00	Yonkers, " "
	Total	1178	85	64	33	1	37	2286	94	11	343	381	15	2043	$2,877 32	$922 57	$49,738 75	

Other Ministers.—John A. Todd, Tarrytown, N. Y.; W. W. Rand, Am. Tract Society; Howard Harris, Japan; J. Henry Bertholf, Yonkers, N. Y.; James Bolton, Roycefield, N. Y.; Henry J. Bogardus, Jersey City, N. J.; L. C. Andrews, White Plains, N. Y.; F. M. Bogardus, Asbury Park, N. J.; David Cole, Yonkers, N. Y.; Rev. Frank S. Scudder, Japan.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK

For the Year Ending May 1, 1899.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.
				Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	Number of S. S.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Arcot	24	23	2172	223	223	260	64	46	2304	350	212	3888	2752	156	4621	$ 833	$ 59	$1,192	Rev. John H. Wyckoff.
Hudson	11	11	1243	41	38	33	2	36	2118	29	12	206	713	16	1758	3,515	907	16,163	Rev. Jonah W. Vaughan.
Kingston	16	14	1639	71	66	55	6	73	3258	88	26	1060	592	30	2906	1,950	423	20,556	Rev. Herman Hageman.
North Long Island	25	28	2479	190	67	77	....	61	4425	398	24	16	691	31	8133	6,606	1,147	58,431	Rev. William H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island	24	34	2586	316	200	100	1	82	5511	333	32	865	1294	27	7967	13,303	7,587	51,115	Rev. John S. Gardner.
New York	24	56	4900	505	354	435	3	132	11225	599	65	678	1482	39	11942	75,937	22,559	85,722	Rev. Henry V. S. Myers.
Orange	24	22	1877	115	45	47	4	70	3817	81	61	422	1278	33	3158	3,498	1,537	30,700	Rev. Edward W. Searle.
Poughkeepsie	11	15	1133	53	25	46	....	40	2410	34	22	.....	.....	19	1702	5,037	6,487	24,966	Rev. A. P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	13	22	1178	85	64	33	1	37	2286	94	11	343	381	15	2043	2,877	929	49,738	Rev. William P. Bruce.
Total	172	225	19297	1699	1082	1086	81	577	37354	2006	465	7478	9183	366	44230	$113,740	$41,635	$338,583	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by Sub-committees on the minutes of each of the Classes, and the reports were severally accepted and adopted, and are as follows:

Classis of Hudson—Your committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Classis of Hudson, find that they are accurately kept and with unusual neatness.

J. L. McNAIR.
WILLIAM RIESENBERG.

Classis of Kingston.—Your Committee on the Records of the Classis of Kingston have examined the record and find the same neatly and accurately kept.

Respectfully submitted,

P. V. VAN BUSKIRK. } Com.
PETER G. PETERSON. }

North Classis of Long Island—The Minutes of the North Classis of Long Island were examined and found correct.

The constitutional questions were proposed and answered as follows:

Ques. 1st. Answered affirmatively by all present.

" 2nd. Answered affirmatively by Jamaica, Sayville, and College Point. Negatively by the others.

Ques. 3rd. Answered affirmatively by all present except Newtown, No to Catechism and Yes to Instruction. North Hempstead, No to Catechism and Yes to Instruction. S. Bushwick, No to 1st and Yes to 2nd. Locust Valley, Instruction Yes; Catechism No. N. Bushwick, Instruction Yes; Catechism No.

Ques. 4th. Answered affirmatively by all present.

" 5th. " " " " "

" 6th. " " " " "

" 7th. Answered as follows. Yes, by Jamaica, except Widow's Fund, Oyster Bay, Astoria, Flushing,

Kent St., Brooklyn, 2nd Astoria, Queens, College Point, 1st L. I. City German. Jamaica and Newtown all but Widow's Fund. S. Bushwick, No. North Hempstead, all but Widow's Fund. Bushwick, in part. Sayville, all but Board of Publication. Hicksville, only for Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions. German, Newtown, only for Foreign and Domestic Missions. New Hyde Park, only for Foreign and Domestic Missions. Church of Jesus, Foreign and Domestic Missions and Church Building Fund. Sunny Side, Foreign and Domestic Missions and Widow and Disabled Minister's Fund.

E. O. MOFFETT, Chairman.

South Classis of Long Island.—The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the South Classis of Long Island, reports that it has examined said minutes and has found them to be correct. The committee commends the orderly and clean manner in which these minutes are kept.

DAVID COLE.
WM. N. CLARK.

Classis of New York.—We have examined these minutes and find them kept with painstaking care and in admirable form.

ROBERT H. BEATTIE, *Chairman.*
GEO. W. POOL.

Classis of Orange.—The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Classis of Orange report that they have examined said minutes and have found them correct.

CHAS. E. CORWIN.
J. D. SHIPMAN.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Your Committee would report that no minutes have been received from the Classis of Poughkeepsie.

J. S. STILLWELL, *Chairman.*

Classis of Westchester.—Your committee has examined the minutes of the Classis of Westchester, and find them correct.

F. V. VAN VRANKEN.
A. V. W. VAN VECHTEN.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

The Committee reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Overtures report that they have had committed to them but one paper, which they herewith submit to the Synod, with their own action upon it. It is as follows, and explains itself:

To the Particular Synod of New York:

This certifies the North Classis of Long Island, at its regular session, held April 18, 1899, adopted the following and ordered it to be sent to the Particular Synod:

"In view of the fact that opportunities for the occupancy of new fields for the functions of churches of our order are continually occurring, but are allowed to pass unimproved for the lack of any authorized agency appointed to take advantage of them,

Resolved, That this Classis overture the Particular Synod of New York to take action for the appointment of a Synodical Superintendent, who shall take the oversight of the field comprised in the territory occupied by the Classes comprising the Synod, but particularly the Classis of North and South Long Island, New York and Westchester, with a view to the selection and occupancy of such localities for work as give promise of success, and the establishment of churches, and generally to supervise denominational interests in the direction of expansion and growth."

Attest: W. H. TEN EYCK, *Stated Clerk.*
April 18, 1899.

Your Committee appreciates the spirit of the North Classis of Long Island, in desiring the extension of our church within the territory occupied by this Particular Synod. We have thought earnestly upon the proposition of this paper. Two great obstacles seem to us to lie in the way of carrying it out.

1. An agent such as the paper proposes would have to be a man of the highest quality—a man of first class gifts, of absolute devotion to his work, of unerring judgment, and of untiring push. Such a man, outside of a pastorate, it would be hard to find. The pulpit and the pastorate would be his appropriate field, and he would certainly not be inclined to undertake such an agency.

2. Such a man, if he could be found, would be entitled to, and should have, a liberal salary, not less certainly than $2,000 or $2,500, and his traveling expenses. But our Synod has no funds, and it has no way of commanding any excess by laying an additional assessment on our churches, many of which already think themselves overtaxed, and are disposed to complain.

For these reasons, your committee have felt that this Synod, while appreciating the progressive and praiseworthy spirit that is behind this overture, can not take the action it proposes, and we recommend that it be not taken.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID COLE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Reported on by the Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour on Tuesday afternoon, after the organization, was passed in devotional exercises led by the Vice-President.

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The first half hour of the Wednesday morning session was also spent in devotional exercises led by the Rev. W. A. Dumont.

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The Bar of the House was fixed.

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The Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the evening of the first day, immediately after the Synodical Sermon. The form was read by the President of Synod. The bread was administered by the Rev. J. Edward Lyall, and the cup by the Rev. Edward Niles. The element of the bread was distributed by the Elders George C. Pool, Wm. N. Clark, G. R. Gale and David Master, and that of the wine was distributed by the Elders R. B. Dunn, Moses E. Davis, Francis Bacon and Hugh Dick.

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On motion, it was

Resolved, That the President appoint a Committee of Arrangements, of which the Pastor of the church shall be a member, to fix the hours of meeting and adjournment of the sessions of this Synod, and of the religious exercises; to select those who shall assist at the services connected with the Synodical sermon; to appoint the ministers and elders who are to administer and distribute the elements at the Lord's Supper; and to set the time for the reading of the papers and the hearing of the representatives of the Boards of the Church.

The President appointed as such Committee Revs. P. V. Van Buskirk and W. W. Schomp, and Elder R. B. Dunn.

In accordance with their report, which was accepted and adopted, the services were conducted on Tuesday evening, as recorded; the representatives of the Boards and the reader of the paper were heard, as recorded; and the sessions and services began and adjourned at the hours fixed therefor.

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The Rev. J. H. Whitehead was heard in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. John S. Gardner in behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions, at the Wednesday morning session.

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A telegram was received from the Rev. John Baumeister informing the Synod that illness prevented him from appearing before it to read the paper to which he was appointed.

The Rev. Charles B. Chapin, D.D., read a paper on "A Plea for a Wider Seminary Instruction," at the Wednesday morning session, and on motion it was

Resolved, That the matter of the publication and distribution of the paper be referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. W. H. Jackson and the reader, without expense to the Synod.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations be requested to select persons for reading papers at the next regular meeting of the Synod.

The Committee reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee would nominate the following as the readers for the year 1900: Rev. John Baumeister, Primarius; Rev. W. H. Jackson, Secundus; and Rev. Robt. H. Beattie, Primarius, and Rev. Arthur F. Mabon, Secundus.

BENJ. E. DICKHAUT, *Chairman.*

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Having learned of the illness of the Rev. A. H. Brush, D.D., President of this Synod in 1898,

Resolved, That we hereby desire to express our regret at his enforced absence from this session and to put on record our earnest wish for his speedy restoration.

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On motion it was

Resolved, That the custom of appointing three Ministers and three Elders upon each of the standing committees of this Synod be, and hereby is, changed, so that henceforth these committees shall consist of three Ministers and two Elders each, with the exception of the Committee on Classical Minutes, which shall be divided into sub-committees as heretofore.

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On motion it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to procure the printing of 300 copies of the Minutes of this Session of Synod.

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Whereas many of our people filled with love to Christ and His Church would gladly give or leave money for the endowment of our weaker churches could they only be assured that the funds would be safely invested when they are gone,

Whereas many of our churches are in no condition to give such an assurance; and

Whereas we have at the present time no denominational provision for the care of such funds; therefore

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New York overtures General Synod to entrust the Board of Direction to hold and invest such funds whenever it shall be requested to do so.

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Resolved, That the sincerest thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Pastor and Consistory of this Church for the use of their building during the sessions of this body, for the delicate and gentlemanly courtesy toward all the members, to the choir for leadings in spiritual song; also,

to the ladies of the congregation for their bountiful repast on the first day of the sessions, and to those families who have welcomed and entertained us both with a cheerful and Christian hospitality.

ARTICLE XX.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer presented the following account, which was referred to the Committee on Treasurer's Account, and their report was accepted and adopted and is as follows :

Your Committee on Treasurer's Account report :

They have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, with the vouchers, and find the same correct, with a balance of $97.40 in the Treasury.

P. V. VAN BUSKIRK, *Chairman.*

1898				1898			
May 24.	To Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, for envelopes and postage	$ 3 97		May 4.	By Cash balance from old account	$ 1 87	
"	" paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, for stationery	99		June 13.	" from Rev. Hasbrouck Du Bois, Treas. Classis of New York.	65 00	
"	" paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, for printing notices on 100 postal cards	2 00		"	" from R. M. Shepard, Esq., Treas. Classis of Hudson	28 00	
"	" paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, for traveling expenses of Reader of "Paper"	2 25		June 21.	" from Nathan S. King, M.D., Treas. Classis of Westchester	40 00	
"	" paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, for traveling expenses of Stated Clerk	2 70		July 1.	" from Rev. Jno. S. Gardner, Treas. South Classis of Long Island	59 00	
"	" paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, for Doorkeeper Fishkill-on-Hudson	5 00		Oct. 5.	" from Herman H. Shook, Esq., Treas. North Classis of Long Island	59 00	
"	" paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, for postage	23		Oct. 13.	" from Rev. Herman Hageman, Treas. Classis of Kingston.	38 00	
"	" paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, for salary as Stated Clerk for year ending May 1st, 1899	100 00		Dec. 14.	" from Rev. M. T. Conklin, Treas. Classis of Orange	53 00	
Nov. 16.	" paid Board of Publication, R. C. A., for 450 copies Minutes of 1898	157 33		1899 April 7.	" from Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D. D., Treas. Classis of Poughkeepsie	28 00	
1899 May 2.	" Balance due Synod to new acct.	97 40					
		$371 87				$ 371 87	

E. E. New York, May 2d, 1899.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Treasurer.*

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed :

Classis of Arcot.

Rev. William I. Chamberlain.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Charles E. Corwin,	Elder Ezra Link,
" William E. Compton,	" Andrew Hallenbeck,
" Charles Park,	" A P. Pitcher.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Benjamin A. Bartholf,	Elder George Vosburgh,
" Jonah W. Vaughn,	" Joseph Shutts,
" David M. Hunter,	" Eugene Gardner.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. George Davis,	Elder William Murdock,
" William Coombe,	" G. W. Rhodes,
" E. C. Oggel, D.D.,	" Elting T. Deyo.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. H. Schlieder,	Elder A. G. DeWitt,
" F. B. Seeley,	" A. E. DuBois,
" Calvin E. Lasher,	" Louis Hasbrouck.

North Classis of Long Island

PRIMARII.

Rev. Alexander Shaw,	Elder Herman H. Shook,
" Walter T. Scudder,	" Charles F. Leggett,
" C.D.F.Steinfuhrer,D.D.,	" Henry C. Korfman,
" Charles K. Clearwater,	" George M.Williamson,
" John Hoffman,	" Nichs. Van der Berg.

SECUNDI.

Rev. August G. F. Bender,	Elder H. Eilerman,
" Ernest Gutweiler,	" Andrew Waldmuller,
" George D.Hulst,Ph.D.,	" Elias J. Hendrickson,
" Lewis Francis,D.D.,	" William Nason,
" James Demarest, D. D.,	" H. A. Stoutenburg.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Jas. M. Farrar, D.D.,	Elder Chas. L. Rickerson,
" F. C. Erhardt,	" John Bingham,
" Chas. Judson Scudder,	" Wm. R. Bennett,
" Evert Van Slyke, D.D,,	" Samuel Rowland.

SECUNDI.

Rev. William H. Boocock,	Elder John Z. Lott,
" Jas. M. Dickson, D.D.,	" Thos. Gilbert,
" A. Messler Quick,	" John S. Ryder,
" Daniel Van Pelt, D.D,,	" Jas. S. Suydam.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Jos. R. Duryee, D.D.,	Elder John S. Bussing,
" Roderick Terry, D.D.,	" D. D. Beekman,
" Henry E. Cobb,	" W. F. Layton,
" Edgar Tilton, Jr.,	" Ralph N. Perlee.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Jos. R. Duryee, D.D.,	Elder William N. Clark,
" James Palmer,	" Robert McCracken,
" Henry M. Cox,	" A. F. Heal,
" Ashbel G. Vermilye, D.D.,	" William L. Brower.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. Fred'k Berg, Ph.D.,	Elder Wilhemus Hasbrouck.
" T. H. Mackenzie,	" E. M. Gorden,
" C. Van Oostenbrugge,	" J. G. Gray,
" Herman C. Berg, D.D.,	" U. E. Terwilliger.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Louis Hieber,	Elder S. Van Inwegen,
" I. T. Clifton,	" J. H. Holmes,
" Benjamiu F. Statesir,	" J. A. Smith,
" Wm. Wyckoff Schomp,	" Alvert Clum.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. H. Suydam, D.D.,	Elder Augustus M. Travers,
" Ernest Clapp,	" Wm. M. Quintard,
" Wm. V. D. Strong.	" E. C. Macomber.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. Bancroft Hill,	Elder Henry E. Allison, M.D.,
" A. H. Huizinga, Ph.D.,	" Geo. Gildersleeve,
" W. A. Dumont.	" Robert T. Halgin.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. William P. Bruce,	Elder M. H. Bright,
" Henry De Vries,	" H. Seeley,
" Joseph A. Harper.	" C. W. Van Court.

SECUNDI.

Rev. C. H. Tyndall, Ph. D., Elder J. J. Linson, M.D.,
" John K. Allen, D.D., " A. W. Newman,
" Albert Kuiper. " N. P. Hunter.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in annual session in the Reformed Church of Rhinebeck, N. Y. on the first Tuesday of May, 1900, at 3 o'clock.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned after prayer and the pronouncing of the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

(*Signed,*)

HERMAN HAGEMAN, *President.*
JOHN S. GARDNER, *Vice-President.*

R. HARMON POTTER, } *Temporary Clerks.*
MARION T. CONKLIN, }

ATTEST:

DANIEL VAN PELT, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF THIS SYNOD SINCE THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTICULAR SYNODS, 1870-1899.

1870—Rev. M. S. Hutton, D D .....Yonkers.
1871—Rev. Goyn Talmage.....Flushing.
1872—Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D.....Rhinebeck.
1873—Rev. John A Todd, D.D.....Tarrytown (1st).
1874—Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D.....Poughkeepsie (2d).
1875—Rev. John McC. Holmes, D.D.....Brooklyn (1st).
1876—Rev. David Inglis, D.D..... .. Port Jervis.
1877—Rev. Joachim Elmendory.....Yonkers.
1878—Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D.D..... Newburgh.
1879—Rev. Charles I. Shepard.....Greenpoint.
1880—Rev. William Ormiston, D.D.....Mount Vernon.
1881—Rev. David Cole, D.D..... .....Montgomery.
1882—Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck.....Jamaica, L. I.
1883—Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D..... ...Brighton Heights, S. I.
1884—Rev. David N. Vanderveer.....New York (South).
1885—Rev. Herman C. Berg..... .....Yonkers.
1886—Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D ..... Newburgh.
1887—Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D.D., M.D...Claverack.
1888—Rev. William H. Gleason, D.D.....Kingston.
1889—Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D.....Poughkeepsie (1st).
1890—Rev. Lewis Francis.....N. Y. City (48th St. Col).
1891—Rev. James Demarest, D.D.... .....Tarrytown (1st).
1892—Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye, D.D..... Brooklyn (South Bushwick).
1893—Rev. John L. McNair.....N. Y. City (Bloomingdale).
1894—Rev. Ame Vennema.....New Utrecht, L. I.
1895—Rev. Charles W. Frits, D D.....Fishkill, N. Y.
1896—Rev. Ferdinand S. Schenck, D. D... ..Yonkers, N. Y.
1897—Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.... .....Jamaica, L. I.
1898—Rev. Alfred H. Brush, D.D .. ..Fishkill-on-Hudson.
1899—Rev. Herman Hageman..... .....Walden.

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THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE REFORMED CHURCH OF RHINEBECK, N. Y., ON TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1900, AT 3 O'CLOCK, P. M., AND ADJOURNED AT 1 O'CLOCK P. M., OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE SESSION.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by the retiring President, the Rev. Herman Hageman, who also preached the Synodical sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from Colossians 1:12, Rom. 12:2; 1 Thess. 5:17; "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us unto the kingdom of His promise; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind; and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.—

Classis of Hudson.—Ministers.—William E. Comp-

ton, Charles Park, Benj. A. Bartholf, Jonah W. Vaughan. *Elders.*—Henry Feltz, M. Vander Bogart.

Classis of Kingston.—Ministers.—E. C. Oggel D. D., George Davis. J. Millett, Herman Hageman. *Elders.*—A. M. Hasbrouck, J. Van Wagenen.

North Classis of Long Island.—Ministers.—Frank Malvin, John Baumeister. *Elders.*—

South Classis of Long Island.—Ministers.—James M. Farrar, D. D., G. R. Israel, Nicholas Pearse, Daniel Van Pelt. *Elders.*—

Classis of New York.—Ministers.—David James Burrell, D. D., James Hunter, Herman C. Weber, J. B. Voorhees. *Elders.*— C. A. Mapes.

Classis of Orange.—Ministers.—Robert H. Beattie, S. Van de Burg. *Elders.*—

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Ministers.—W. V. D. Strong, J. Howard Suydam, D. D. *Elders.*—H. B. Roosa, Jacob L. Tremper.

Classis of Westchester.—Ministers.—William P. Bruce, Henry De Vries, Joseph A. Harper, John G. Gebhard. *Elders.*—N. B. Hunter, J. A. Wright.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. David J. Burrell was elected President, and the Rev. William P. Bruce, Vice President. The Revs. Frank Malven and Herman C. Weber were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST.

The minutes of the session of 1899 were read. The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order was suspended by unanimous consent.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were the Standing Committees:

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.—*Ministers.*—Robert H. Beattie, J. B. Voorhees, James Hunter. *Elders.*—J. A. Wright, C. A. Mapes.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.—*Arcot*— ——— ——— *Hudson.*—Rev. Joseph A. Harper. *Elder.*—N. B. Hunter. *Kingston.*—Rev. Charles Park. *Elder.*—Jacob L. Tremper. *North Long Island.*—Rev. Jonah W. Vaughan. *Elder*—Henry Feltz. *South Long Island.*—Rev. Herman Hageman. *Elder.*—H. B. Roosa. *New York.*—Rev. William P. Bruce. *Elder.*—A. M. Hasbrouck. *Orange.*—Rev. Henry De Vries. *Elder.*—J. A. Wright. *Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. J. B. Voorhees. *Elder.*—J. Van Wagenen. *Westchester.*—Rev. W. E. Compton. *Elder.*—C. A. Mapes.

ON CLASSICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.—*Ministers.*—E. C. Oggel, Charles Park, W. V. D. Strong. *Elders.*—J. L. Tremper, H. B. Roosa.

ON THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.—*Ministers.*—Nicholas Pearse, George Davis, J. H. Bartholf. *Elders*—N. B. Hunter, J. A. Wright.

ON OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—*Ministers.*—James M. Farrar, Henry De Vries, J. W. Vaughan. *Elders.*—C. A. Mapes, A. M. Hasbrouck.

ON NOMINATIONS.—*Ministers*—Herman Hageman, W. E. Compton, Joseph Millett. *Elders.*—Henry Feltz, J. Van Wagenen.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Rev. Ward T. Sutherland, Chairman of a Committee appointed by the New York State Association of Congregational Churches, to confer with representatives of other denominations with reference to forming an interdenominational federation of the Evangelical Churches of this State.

Referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

A communication was received and read in the Dutch language (being duly translated) from the Pastor and Consistory of the Reformed Church of New Paltz, inviting this Synod to meet in their Church at its next regular session in 1901.

A communication was received from the Correspond- Consistory of the Church of Port Richmond, Staten Island, inviting this Synod to meet in their Church at its next regular session in 1901.

On motion, these invitations were referred to a special Comittee to be appointed by the President.

The President appointed as such committee the Revs. Wm. P. Bruce and S. Van de Burg, who recommended that the invitation from the Church of New Paltz be accepted. The report was accepted and adopted.

A comunication was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, certifying that the Rev. J. G. Van Slyke, D. D., has been appointed by said Board to represent it at this session of Synod.

Referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

An overture was received from the North Classis of Long Island, in regard to the selection of localities for the establishment of Churches within the territory under the jurisdiction of this Synod.

Referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A complaint was received from the Rev. William H. Ten Eyck, a member of the North Classis of Long Island, against an action or decision of the said Classis, involving the status of the Spiritual Consistory or Board of Elders over against the General Consistory or the Board of Elders and Deacons, and the requirement to lay Consistorial minutes before the Classis.

Referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication was received from the Rev. A. DeWitt Mason, Editor of "The Mission Field," conveying a number of circulars bearing on the "Twentieth Century Forward Movement" for our Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies, and asking that some action be taken by this Synod commendatory thereof.

Referred to the Committee on State of Religion who recommended the adoption of the following resolution which was carried :

Resolved, That this Particular Synod heartily endorse the Twentieth Century Missionary Forward Movement, and recommend that all our schools, when practicable, adopt this movement.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

Copies of the minutes of the General Synod and the Particular Synods of New York, Albany, Chicago, and New Brunswick for 1899 have been examined, and we beg to report that the examination discloses nothing for

the action of this committee except to report that the overture of the Particular Synod of New York to the General Synod, asking that the Board of Direction be empowered to hold and invest endowment funds which may be provided for our weaker Churches, was considered by General Synod and that provision was made for such care of funds by the Board of Direction in accordance with the wishes of the donor. See Minutes of General Synod, 1899, page 465.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. BEATTIE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on Classical Reports on the State of Religion, reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on Classical Reports on the State of Religion begs leave to report as follows:

Reports have been placed in our hands from the nine classes that constitute this Synod; also a summary view for the year ending May 1, 1900.

Your committee, in comparing the statistical summary of this year with that of last year, would invite at-

tention to the cheering fact that there have been gains in many and important respects.

It appears from this comparison that we have gained one Church, four ministers, four hundred families, one hundred and sixty-six on confession of faith, and one hundred and forty-nine by certificate. It is especially gratifying to report that the contributions to the Boards and Funds of the Church have exceeded those of the previous year by $33,610; for other objects $1174. More has been contributed while the sum raised for congregational purposes is greater than that of last year to the amount of $14,998.

We find the number of communicants to be less by 1014 as compared with last year's report, but this should be attributed to the fact that, in harmony with the directions of General Synod, many of our Churches have revised their membership rolls. This is therefore no cause for discouragement. On the other hand this Synod should note with special and profound gratitude that, within our bounds as a Particular Synod, 1865 persons have this last year come out from the world and been enrolled for Christ. Not unto us, O Lord, but unto Thy name be all the glory! Brethren, the reports from the different classes will be printed in the minutes and all may read them. We should not therefore trespass on your time and on the space in the minutes when the reports will speak for themselves; yet would your committee, true to themselves and therefore to you, propose the following questions:—

1. Are there Ministers and Churches in our Synod that do not share in the rejoicing, because none or few have confessed the Christ? Shall there not be earnest inquiry what cause or causes may lie at the root of this, coupled with the cry from hearts on fire, "O Lord, make bare Thine arm! Revive Thy work!"

2. Shall we not with expectant hopes face the year that is before us? Or has not the right hand of the Lord done valiantly? In a Church within our bounds,

that reports but forty-two families, there comes the cheering report to this Synod that sixty-four persons have been received on profession of faith. Ought not this Synod, in recognition of the rich display of Divine power and grace, at Lyonsville and in other Churches, to set apart a short season to praise Him from whom all blessing flow and to pray believingly that in the year before us we may see even greater things?

3. Shall we not ask our people to bring still larger offerings for the cause so dear to the Christ and to us—the cause of a world-wide evangelization? Should not the example of those rescued from heathenism in far away India inspire to enthusiasm and ever nobler endeavor? Says the report from the Arcot Missions: "People who were thought too poor to give anything for the Church are found able and ready when the duty is repeatedly urged upon them. Who would have prophesied five years ago that village Christians would have given the sums that have actually been realized in Yehamur and other places the past year?" Brethren, this cause is not tentative, for has not God said to Christ, His Son, I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth as thy possession? And is not our commission plain: "Ye shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth?"

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. OGGEL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

For the first time in several years we are not able to report any increase in the number of Church members and adherents. Although 202 adults and 350 children have been received under Christian instruction, yet the removals and lapses that have occurred more than balance

the gain, and the report shows one less communicant and 12 less adherents than in 1898. The loss in communicants is, however, only apparent, and is due to the practice that still prevails in some Churches of requiring a higher standard for communion than baptism. Thus while the Churches report 202 adult baptisms, only 123 were received into the Churches on confession. Had all the adults who were baptized been admitted to full communion, the column of communicants would have shown an increase of 78 over last year. While there have been some painful cases of apostasy to heathenism, the majority of those who have left us have removed elsewhere in order to secure a better livelihood. These changes are to be looked for even more in the future, as the population increases, and the struggle for the means of existence becomes more severe.

The fact of so few additions to our Churches during the last year, compared with previous years, is a matter that classis should deeply ponder. Has there not been a decline in earnest faith and fervent prayer ? Are the Churches not leaning too much on foreign money, and not enough on the mighty power of God's Spirit ? Why should a reduction of mission funds be followed by a decrease of Church membership ? These are questions that every Pastor and Elder ought earnestly to consider. On looking over the statistical tables we find that 5 Churches Varikkal, Vellambi, Gnauodiam, Sattambadi, Sekader, did not receive a single soul on confession of faith during the year; the following Churches report a decline in number of Church members—Vellambi 4, Gnauodiam 4, Kandiputtur 5, Sedaku 24, Tindivanam 3, Oratten 5, Varikkal 9, Gingee 1, Arcot 8, Palmaner 1. The Churches that had the largest accessions were Vellore 13, Yehanur 16, Chittoor 17, Kolapakkam 15, Velleripett 10, Marutuvanbadi 15.

The Pastors of all the Churches have sent reports with the exception of Coonnoor, Gnauodiam, Sattambadi and Oratten. We give some facts from these reports:—

Arcot rejoices in a new Pastor, and has set the noble example of meeting his salary without any help from the Pastor's Aid Society or the Mission. This Church has also expended Rs. 192-10-0 on thoroughly repairing their Church. Special efforts were made to secure a gift from every family, and as far as possible from each member of each family. New lamps have been bought for the Church and hymn lyric books supplied for the Church use.

Yehamur.—This Church became entirely sulf-supporting last year, the first in the Mission to attain that state. During the year the congregation have made still further progress and have built a Church without mission aid in the village of Fonuai. Yehamur is the banner Church in the Mission in the matter of benevolence. The Consistory aims to get one rupee from every family and 8 onnas from each widow. Three villages exceeded the amount apportioned to them. Every family now feels it a duty to give one rupee, and several have given more. One man gave Rs. 2-12-0. He has set apart a portion of his field, and all that grows on that field he gives to the Lord. An elderly man who lives by daily cooly work brings a bundle of firewood each month and sells it. In this way his gifts amounted to Rs. 1-4-11, and his son gave Rs. 1-2-0. Another man who has no land but lives by cooly work gave Rs. 1-8-0. The people of this Church alone gave Rs. 146-2-4, while the Helpers gave Rs. 117-7-0, a total of Rs. 263-9-4.

Vellore reports the institution of a free-will offering meeting on the second Sunday of every month. The offerings consist of corn, rice, vegetables, oil, candles, etc., which are auctioned off. The amount thus collected amounted to Rs. 30 in 7 months which enabled the consistory to put 4 hanging lamps in the Church and to decorate the Church for Christmas. Considerable evangelistic work is done by the Church members.

Katpadi and *Kottapalli* report the organization of

C. E. Societies which have helped to infuse new life into the Churches. As a result there have been several additions to the congregations. A new village has been received. No fewer than 700 souls, 25 adults and 45 children have been baptised.

Kandiputtur and *Sekadu* send a very brief report. A C. E. Society was organized at Kaudiputtur, but as the members of the Sedaku Society had declined in number, the two societies were united. The village has suffered from famine and the plague, which took away 12 souls.

Chittoor has had another prosperous year. Four years ago there were but three village congregations whereas now there are 18. The number of Christians has now reached 812, a gain of 186 over last year. The new Christians have been greatly persecuted. The station congregation has repaired the Church, and purchased four beautiful lamps.

Palmaner Church is made up largely of the Theological Seminary students and their families. Much evangelistic work has been done. The C. E. Society has 39 active members and is a great blessing to the Church.

Madanapalle. This Church is full of activity, and is making steady progress both spiritually and temporally. The station congregation has added 6 on confession and shows an increase of 21 in total congregation. The senior Pastor, Rev. John Souri, continues his laborious work in the villages, ministering to the simple congregations and proclaiming the truth to the heathen. A village Endeavor Society is a great help in furthering his work.

Arni, Vellambi, Alliendal and *Marutuvambadi* send rather doleful reports. The Arni Church is better organized than formerly and has increased its benevolence, but the village Churches report no advance in either piety or contributions. The money given by indigenous Christians is extremely little, about all the gifts reported being from the Helpers. The only bright spot is Marutuvam-

badi where the Christians have made spiritual advancement, and whose membership has been increased by the addition of 26 souls, 13 adults and 13 children, baptized in the neighboring village of Periapalliam.

Tindivanam, although a small Church, has considerably increased in contributions, which reached this year Rs. 1-6-6 per member. A spirit of self-help exists among the people, who have met their pledges to their Pastor and have also provided the local expenses of the Church. In addition, Rs. 25 has been given to improve the Gospel Extension Society agent's house at Bramhadesam, and all the funds of the Church have received a contribution. Three chairs and a lamp have been furnished for the Church, and a wall in the north side of the compound erected. It is to be regretted that there has been no growth in membership.. Evangelistic work is vigorously prosecuted, and a live C. E. Society helps to keep the members active. At Wandiwash a C. E. Society has been organized. The little congregation there is making steady progress in the things of God.

Gingee, Varikkal and *Kollapakkam.* These three Churches are under one Pastor. The encouraging events of the year have been, first, the baptism of 34 souls, 15 adults and 19 children, at Kollapakkam,; second, the organization of a Bajanai in each Church. The Pastor reports the Bajanai to be a great help in evangelistic work, as well as a means of rousing the Christians. The Churches have done nothing to boast of in the matter of benevolence. It is more blessel to *receive* than to *give* is the maxim of the great majority of the Christians. Still there has been a little advance.

In considering the report of the Churches as a whole, the most marked progress has been made in the matter of self-support. Those of us who have been 15 or 20 years in the Mission note with great satisfaction the steady advance in this respect. The old habit of expecting everything from the Mission is giving place to a

growing spirit of self-respect and self-help. People who were thought too poor to give anything to the Church, are found able and ready when the duty is repeatedly urged upon them. Who would have prophesied five years ago that village Christians would have given the sums that have actually been realized in Yehamur and other places the past year? How cheering it is to hear of station Churches making their own repairs and providing their local expenses, as well as supporting their Pastors. It is not very long since the very oil in the lamps, and even the communion wine, were provided at Mission expense. And we have only seen the beginning. This good work will go on and grow. But self-support is not the chief thing. We want to be not only self-supporting, but self-propagating. We want to grow not only from our own root, but to send out blessings unto others. And it will be just in proportion as we water others that we shall be watered ourselves.

JOHN H. WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

The reports from the Churches show that the Classis of Hudson has had a most successful year. The only real loss is in the number enrolled in the Sunday Schools and the gifts to benevolent objects outside the denomination. The totals show a decrease in the number of families and communicants, but this is caused by a general revision of the rolls, and is no real loss. There is a gain in the number of admissions, both on confession of faith and by certificate, and a large gain in the number of baptisms. The most marked increase, however, is in the gifts to denominational objects; one Church, that of Hudson, exceeded all of its apportionments for denominational work, except to the Board of Education. There has also been a large increase in the moneys raised for denominational purposes.

Upon the whole there seems to be a spirit of hope that was lacking in nearly all the reports of last year. Our country Churches are apparently in a more prosperous and hopeful condition, although many of their difficulties still remain. The fact that there has been an increase in the number of admissions to the Church, and also that there has been such a large increase in the gifts to denominational objects, shows that the spiritual life of our Churches is deepening and broadening, and as a result of this a growing spirit of liberality in the Churches, a desire to give, that the Gospel may be sent to the uttermost parts of the earth. We sincerely thank God for His blessings, and pray that next year's report may be an improvement on this. The following are brief extracts from the reports of the Churches:

Claverack.—This Church reports a quiet year of harmonious and faithful work. The Church has held her own in membership, and the gifts for denominational and home work are about the same as last year.

Gallatin reports an encouraging year. Work has gone on as usual, although the Church has been without a Pastor for part of the year. It is hoped, however, that the Church will soon have a settled Pastor.

Germantown.—The Church has had an ordinary year. It has become purified, and many are asking what they must do to be saved.

Greenport.—The Church has suffered a slight loss in membership, but there has been an increased attendance on the Church services. The various societies are in a flourishing condition. A series of revival meetings resulted in awakening interest among the Christians.

Hudson sends statistics only, but they show that an advance has been made on all lines.

Linlithgo, at Livingston, reports a most favorable year. All Church organizations have done better work than in any year of the present pastorate, and there has been a decided growth in Christian character.

Livingston, at Linlithgo, has also had a most prosperous year. The attendance at the services has been good. The organizations are doing good work, and the people are more liberal in giving than ever before; hence the gifts to benevolence are much larger than last year. The Spiritual life of the Church has been deepened, and a number have come into the Church on confession.

Mellenville.—The usual routine of Church life has been disturbed by a change of Pastors. The Church reports a very prosperous condition in all its affairs. Various repairs were made during the short interval without a Pastor, and the new one enters upon his labors with every prospect of a successful pastorate.

Philmont.—There has been a slight decrease in membership, but all departments of work are in a most prosperous condition. The gifts to benevolence exceed that of any previous year.

Upper Red Hook.—After an interval of over a year, the Church settled a Pastor in January last. During the year the Church has done good work. A harmonious and earnest spirit prevails in the congregation. The gifts to benevolence are larger than last year.

West Copake reports a most favorable year. Internal and external improvements have been made in the Church building. The congregation is united for work, and the attendance on the Church services is excellent.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. B. A. Bartholf and the Church of Gallatin has been dissolved.

The pastoral relation between Rev. David M. Hunter and the Church of Mellenville has been dissolved, and he dismissed to the Classis of Poughkeepsie.

Rev. George Z. Collier has been received from the Classis of Michigan and installed as Pastor of the Church

of Mellenville, and Rev. Charles Maar has been received from the Classis of Montgomery and installed as Pastor of the Church of Upper Red Hook.

W. E. COMPTON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The Committee on the State of Religion of the Classis of Kingston report an encouraging condition.

The number of admissions on confession of faith has doubled in the past year. The contributions to denominational objects have materially increased, and those for congregational purposes decreased, showing that the true principles of the Church have been better understood. This is not the result of increased material prosperity within our borders—any one familiar with the "Country Church" is aware of disintegrating forces constantly increasing, so that it may truthfully be said that any such Church holding its own is a successful Chuch—but the result of untiring efforts and increasing self-denials.

The Committee regrets that only one-half the Churches reports the number of baptized non-communicants and catechumens. This increases the perplexity of the statistician, and makes it impossible to approximate the Church's influence.

The Committee also deplores the general looseness and monotony of the "remarks" presented with the individual reports, and recommends greater care in submitting the summary of the year's life and work.

Bloomingdale.—We have great reason to thank God and take courage. Considerable work has been done in improving the general appearance of the Church, and God is blessing us with a gracious revival of His work. Souls are being born into the Kingdom.

The Clove.—The year that has just closed presents no striking feature different from former years. There

has been the usual attendance at the services of the sanctuary and the prayer meetings and the Sunday Schools. The response to home expenses, as well as benevolent contributions, has been generous and commendable. Though we have suffered on account of removals, there has been, on the part of many, a readiness to assume increased obligations. For all the blessings of the year we are profoundly grateful. The ingathering from the world has not been large, but those who have united with us give promise of usefulness in the years to come.

The direction of General Synod has been carried out, and our roll has been revised. A non-resident list of members has been opened and a number of names placed on it of those who have moved beyond the borders of the congregation. Many have taken letters of dismissal to other Churches as the result of correspondence. We are looking forward to the year with confidence in God and a readiness to labor for Him.

Dashville Falls reports the revision of the Church Book.

Gardiner.—Statistical report only.

Guilford.—The Church of Guilford is enabled to report the continuance of perfect harmony in Church life, a continued interest in the preaching of the Gospel, and the usual activity in all the departments of the Church work. During the year a new organ has been purchased. The Lord has been with us, and we set up a stone of remembrance. His promises to us are realizing, and this inspires us with sure hope for the future.

Hurley.—The record of the past year is viewed with gratitude. There has been a steady, quiet growth in that direction in which the Head of the Church delights, viz.: benevolent works and Missionary contributions. There, too, has been no neglect of outward adornments, the Church having made pleasing and comfortable improvements to its property. The Church is living in peace,

paying its due to men, and striving earnestly to meet its obligations to God.

Kingston, Fair Street.—The year has been one of quiet growth and development on all lines of Church enterprise. We have had many losses by death, among them some of our best religious workers. The Pastor rejoices in the faithful attendance upon the services of the Sabbath, and especially the growing interest in the week-day prayer meeting.

Financially we are proud to report a constant reduction in the stated indebtedness of the Church, and with financial zeal has gone hand in hand a growing subscription to the Boards of the Church, our contributions to Missions especially showing a steady increase. We have much to be grateful for; the Lord seems to be blessing the new relation between Pastor and people, and our united prayer is for a continued growth in spiritual zeal and Christian manhood and womanhood.

Krumville.—Our Church is getting along nicely. We have repaired the Church during the winter at a cost of nearly $250. Because of this we have not been able to contribute to the different Boards of the Church. Some of the best of our families have moved away, still a few have united as a result of the meetings held at Lyonsville. In spite of discouragements, God has been good to us, we feel, and blessed us in many ways, for all of which we are thankful.

Lyonsville.—The past year has been one of great interest and growth. The Sunday School has been maintained with good attendance, the C. E. is in a healthy condition, and the regular Sunday attendance has been blessed with a marked increase of both interest and attendance A glorious most profitable revival was enjoyed during the winter months with 92 hopeful conversions, 23 of whom came from the S. S. Much of the best of our village material has been gathered in the fold of our blessed Lord.

With this additional force we feel much encouraged, and fully believe that our Church has just enjoyed the most blessed day of its history.

Marbletown.—With grateful acknowledgment of the goodness of God, the Church of Marbletown presents its statistics. Spiritually we believe that our Church is on the rising tide. Notwithstanding the fact that some, like Demas, have left us, the attendance of the year has been equal to that of any former year of the present pastorate. Bowing in humble submission to God, the Church reports the death of Elder Richard Roosa. He was a man of sterling worth, loyal to the Pastor. When health permitted, and always to the last few months of his life, he was in his place in the sanctuary and at the meetings of the Consistory and the Elders. There has been a substantial increase of contributions to denominational objects.

Marbletown, North.—Statistical report only.

New Paltz.—At the close of the ecclesiastical year we render praise unto God. Through His grace we have endeavored to do the work committed to our trust. The Word has been preached every Sabbath, and the two Sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper have been administered four times during the year; 25 persons, 14 of them from the S. S., have united with us on the profession of their faith. The Church and C. E. prayer meetings have been held regularly. The C. E. Society has contributed $50.00 for Home and Foreign Missions. This Society, in the line of reform, sent, like many organizations, a memorial to Albany for the repeal of the Horton law, which permits prize fights in our State, which law has been repealed. Our six Sunday Schools have been carried on and done a good work for the Master.

A choral class was organized in the fall of the year, and the Church music is in consequence of a much higher order. The ladies have abounded in good works. Collections have been taken up for all the Boards of the Church. We thank God, take courage and go forward.

Rochester.—The services in the Church of Rochester have been regularly held and the Lord's Supper dispensed as usual. The Sunday Schools and the C. E. Societies are in a healthful and flourishing condition. Like many other country Churches, we need a strong faith and earnest work to hold our own. Too much credit cannot be given to some of the men and many of the women for their indefatigable efforts to maintain and further both the temporal and spiritual interests of the Church.

Following the Week of Prayer, services were held in a school house two miles from the Church for three successive weeks, resulting in the hopeful conversion of 15 souls, 10 of whom were received into the communion and fellowship of the Church on confession of faith, the first Sabbath of March. All praise and glory to God, who has permitted us to gather this harvest of souls into His Kingdom.

Rosendale.—Our Church is in a good condition. No communion has passed without some addition. The prospect for the future is bright. The spirit of union prevails.

Rosendale Plains.—We are pleased to report a favorable condition, both spiritually and financially. We hope to make a more favorable report hereafter as we are in a position to do more for the Church Boards. Relations between pastor and people are agreeable.

St. Remy.—There is a decided increase in the spiritual life and activity of the Church. A large increase in the membership of the Sabbath School, for which we are thankful to the great Head of the Church.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The relation between the Rev. Wm. Coombes and the Church of Rosendale was dissolved April 18, 1900, and he was given a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of North River.

Respectfully submitted.

A. H SCHNEIDER, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion of the North Classis of Long Island would respectfully report as follows:

Reports have been sent in from nearly all of our Churches, and they would seem to be a little more encouraging than they were a year ago. Most of the congregations speak of advancement along all the lines of Christian activity. Of course the forces that are telling against our Brooklyn Churches, by reason of removing members and material changes in their localities, remain about the same, and will not be overcome.. That these Churches have held their own, let alone grown as some, if not all have, is a thing worthy of notice.

The outlying organizations have done very well and most all of them show an increase, spiritually and materially. From the Churches reporting when this summary was written, there had been received during the year on confession, 283, neary 100 more than the previous year. Of this the large accession of the German Church of Jamaica, 101, needs to be noticed. So far as we can determine, from incomplete returns, there has been a slight increase in money raised, both for benevolent and congregational purposes. The meagreness of the appended remarks to most of the reports renders it impossible for your Committee to make any very accurate survey of the field beyond a few general statements. We append a summary of these reports, as is the custom.

Jamaica only sends the statistical table. The new Pastor, Rev. Robert K. Wick, was installed on May 11th, 1899. By comparison with the report of last year, we find an increase in the accessions to the Church, as well as in the contributions to congregational purposes. We know the Church is prospering and doing good work.

Newtown reports work maintained with usual success. The main event of the year was the repair and the

redecoration of the Church during the past summer. This accounts for the large amount given for congregational purposes. All the property is now in good shape. The Mission at Winfield continues to prosper. The large accessions of last year account for the smaller one of this year.

Oyster Bay sends only the statistical table. This Church has been without a Pastor since October, 1899, but we believe that, after the close of the Seminary year, a graduate of the present Senior Class at New Brunswick, who has been preaching at Oyster Bay, will be settled over that Church.

North Hempstead sends only the statistical table, without any remarks for the guidance of the Committee.

Williamsburgh speaks joyfully of the increased attendance and revived interest. The spiritual life seems to be earnest and humble. The membership is a unit, and has manifested that spirit in a glorious and successful effort during the past year in beautifying the house of God by extensive repairs and entire interior redecoration, until by many it is held to be the most beautiful interior in Brooklyn. Certainly both Pastor and people of the Williamsburgh Church are to be congratulated on their prospects, both spiritually and materially.

Astoria, First, shows indications of advancement along evangelistic lines. Though this Church, too, sends only a statistical table, we infer, even from that, that all the departments of Church activity are progressing.

Flushing.—Church improved by the introduction of electric lighting. The regular income has been increased by $1200, making it equal all regular expenses. Denominational and other benevolence has been strengthened. Spiritual interest has been sustained, finding special expression in a series of services during Passion Week.

Kent Street, Brooklyn, says that there is nothing of special interest to report. The work has been main-

tained, and the Mission has prospered. The Church has given for Missionary and benevolent work $2068.15.

South Bushwick reports that all is going along fairly well. There has been a considerable interest this spring among the young people of the Sunday School, with a large number confessing Christ.

Second Astoria passes the 33rd year of the present Pastorate with gratitude to God. Interest has been shown in sustaining services and in meeting all the financial claims upon them. The Ladies' Aid Society continues to be a great blessing, while the Missionary Auxiliary has increased in numbers and offerings. Peace and harmony prevail. Efforts are being made to secure a new pipe organ for the sanctuary, with every prospect of success.

Queens.—All the stated services have been in usual operation, with about the average accession. Greater interest in Missionary work has been aroused, as shown in the increased attendance at the women's meeting. They are hopeful of a good result from new work among the young men.

German Evangelical, of Williamsburgh sends us a rather discouraging report. The work still continues to decline, in spite of all efforts to uphold it. It is only a question when they will have to move or become a Missionary station. The influx of the Jewish element threatens all the Churches in that quarter of the city. The various societies of the Church are still putting forth their efforts, but the struggle is becoming weaker and weaker. In spite of all reverses, they trust in Him who guides in everything, and will continue so to do until the Lord opens new ways.

Sayville is without a pastor and sends only the statistical table. We know from a letter from the Elder that the Church holds the same peace and that harmony prevails. They have regular services, which are quite well attended. A Mr. Dekker, a graduate of Tiffin, Ohio, is

at present supplying the pulpit, and the work seems to be blessed.

Locust Valley sends only a statistical table. This Church is vacant, though we believe supplied by students and others.

College Point.—There has been during the year a steady growth along all lines. The mid-week meetings have been well attended and the Sunday School reorganized. Good work is reported by the Circle of King's Daughters. God is blessing this Church, and they feel that they have every reason to "thank God and take courage."

First Long Island City reports that all the services have been well attended. The Sunday School has reached its largest attendance within the present pastorate. The Christian Endeavor Societies, by their presence and help in their Sabbath services, are doing a good work. Many changes occur in this place, causing the loss of valuable members.

Bushwick adds very little to the usual table. The dismissals were given to persons who have not been in active relationship to the Church for a number of years.

German Evangelical, Jamaica, comes with a good report. The Church work in its various branches has been revived since the coming of the new Pastor last fall. Over 100 have been added to the Church by profession. The services are well attended and Pastor and people are full of rejoicing over their blessings.

Hicksville reports a year of struggle. The Episcopal and Methodist Churches have both organized congregations in the village during the year. Notwithstanding all their difficulties our Church has held its own and paid off one mortgage, leaving but $700 on the property.

Second Newtown sends us word in regard to the faithful ministration of the word and evidences of its success in accessions to the Church and attendance upon its

services. Harmony and united effort prevail in their midst. All the departments of Church work are in a prosperous condition.

Steinway.—No report.

East Williamsburgh reports the need of much repair. Since the stated supply has been with them not a little money has been spent in this way without doing very much good. They have a fund of $1,000, some of which might be used for the purpose of repair under the proper direction of the Classis.

Church of Jesus, Brooklyn, reports that the congregation is still advancing. They have paid off a debt of $200. The services are well attended and the Sunday School is also doing well.

New Hyde Park sends no report. We are informed that they have been supplied by students and that their condition remains about the same.

Sunny Side, Long Island City, has been blessed by a steady growth. Services are well attended and the various organizations active and aggressive. A Senior C. E. Society has been recently organized. Arrangements are being made for the completion of the parsonage. The outlook for the coming year is hopeful.

The following changes have taken place within the bounds of this Classis during the year. The Rev. E. R. Atwater, a venerable father in Israel, stricken on the floor of the Classis at one of its meetings, died in a few days and entered into his well earned rest.

The same reward came in the early summer of last year to our aged friend and co-presbyter the Rev. Martin V. Schoonmaker, D. D., who has served long and faithfully in the ministry of our Church.

After a brief ministry at Oyster Bay, the Rev. Walter T. Scudder resigned to enter upon work in the Foreign Mission field to which he felt he had been called. The pastoral relation was dissolved October 17th, 1899, and

Mr. Scudder was given a letter of dismissal to the Classis of Arcot. The Rev. Robert K. Wick was received from the Classis of South Bergen on April 18, 1899, and was installed Pastor of the Church of Jamaica on May 11, 1899.

The Licentiate, Mr. Fred. Stoebener, was received from the Presbytery of Newark, ordained to the Gospel Ministry and installed over the German Evangelical Church at Jamaica on October 17th, 1899.

The pastoral relation of Rev. John Hoffman and the Church at Sayville was dissolved on November 27, 1899, to take effect on December 10th, 1899, and he was given a letter of dismissal to the Classis of Rochester.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES K. CLEARWATER, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Twelfth Street, The Church on the Heights, Bethany Chapel and Canarsie send statistical reports only.

The Committee would make mention, however, of the remarkable financial showing made by The Church on the Heights.

The First Reformed.—Reports life and power manifest in every department of the work. The organization old, but location and congregation new; every prospect of further growth.

Flatbush and Grace Chapel.—Church attendance good with manifest interest and pleasing growth. Prayer meetings fairly well attended. Sunday Schools in prosperous condition.

New Utrecht.—A year of uninterrupted work with very encouraging results. Loss by death and otherwise of some faithful ones, while, on the other hand, gratifying additions have been made. These, with the condition of

the Sunday School, Young People's Organizations, and Benevolence, indicate a general progress.

Gravesend.—Church attendance normal; increase in benevolence; fair growth in numbers, while a beautiful spirit of co-operation is evidenced in every department of the work.

Flatlands.—The blessing of God in the conversion of souls; the means of grace well sustained.

New Lots.—General progress; gain in membership; services better attended; Young People's Societies flourishing; constant removals of old families cripples somewhat the benevolence.

East New York.—A year of quiet, steady work; progress in finances and debt paying; in spiritual affairs, many tokens of the Divine favor.

South Brooklyn sends an enthusiastic report of very encouraging growth along all lines. Action has been taken by the congregation deciding to move to other and larger quarters. Sunday School has grown rapidly; the people generally have been loyal, appreciative of every effort made, and most faithful in their devotion to the Church and its work. The future is looked forward to, with earnest longing and high hopes.

North Reformed.—It has seemed best for many reasons to drop the second service; aside from that the regular work goes on. Young People's Society in healthful condition; gratifying progress in the Sunday School work with accessions to the Church from its membership, while others are in a hopeful spiritual condition.

New Brooklyn.—Financially, a most encouraging year, marking payment of $4300 on the debt of the Church. Also gratifying spiritual results. Two new societies organized among the young people. All Church machinery in good order; attendance at services good, especially at those conducted the first Sunday in each month in English.

Second Flatbush.—A year of blessing; all services well attended; the Sunday School especially flourishing; an improvement in the general spiritual condition of the Church.

Bedford has not lost any of its attendants, rather having made a slight gain. An old debt has been paid off. The spiritual organization is preserved by services held on the afternoon of the first Sunday in each month.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., sends greeting to the Classis; the pastor was given a very warm welcome and receives courtesy, kindness and love. The people are earnest, devoted, willing, and strongly attached to their Church. Services excellently attended both morning and evening with an eager, attentive congregation. Prayer meetings good; Sunday School growing, and recently the recipient of a library from friends in America. Everything is working smoothly and hopefully, and our prayers are asked for the further progress of the work in that "far off island of the sea."

Ocean Hill.—All parts of the work are carried on with regularity and faithfulness; peace and harmony prevail, and the general condition is gratifying.

Edgewood.—Progress in all departments of the work. The organization of other Churches have promoted unity and strength. The year's growth has been organic, nearly one-half the additions to the Church being from the Sunday School.

Ridgewood.—A hopeful spiritual condition, and causes for encouragement; a successful financial year; increasing interest and growth in the Sunday School, with other organizations of the Church work in flourishing condition.

Greenwood Heights.—While holding its own, has much encouragement for a more rapid future growth, because the locality is now beginning to grow, and this is the only Church in a large neighborhood. Sunday School

prosperous; good attendance at the Church services, as well as at the prayer meetings. The other organizations are in a prosperous condition. The Rev. A. P. Stockwell's health forcing him to resign the work, the Rev. N. H. Van Arsdale has become stated supply.

Bay Ridge.—A most gratifying financial year, the floating debt paid off and benevolence increased. Spiritually, a positive growth has been manifest, of those uniting with the Church on confession over 70 per cent. have been of adult or advanced years. "The Lord hath done great things for us" in this part of our work. Attendance uniform and fairly good.

The German-American Church shows a splendid growth and activity. It reports a hard struggle to advance the Church edifice as far as has been done, and expresses the hope of soon being self-supporting.

As to minsters without charge:

Rev. Geo. N. Makely was dismissed in December, '99, to the Presbytery of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Rev. J. C. Hume in January, 1900, to the Presbytery of New York.

In general. the Committee would commend the work done by the several Churches, expressly mentioning that of the First, the South, and the German-American Churches. Although in some lines there is a numerical falling off from the report of a year ago, yet spiritual conditions may offset this, which is the case, we believe, in at least some of the Churches. It must be remembered that four Churches present revised lists. The percentage of growth is high, being over 7 per cent. of the total in communion reported last year.

As to contributions, the "Denominational Objects" are, we note with regret, considerably smaller. We urge upon all a consideration of this fact. "Other Objects" are more than doubled, and "Congregational" are increased about $22,000.

Several Churches report flourishing and growing Sunday Schools.

Earnestly invoking the Divine blessing upon all the great; praying for larger abiding spiritual results, and urging all to every possible effort along these lines, your Committee respectfully submit this report.

CHARLES JUDSON SCUDDER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The Committee on the State of Religion, for the Classis of New York, would report that communications have been received from all the Churches, and that there are many causes for joy and hopefulness in the service to which the Master has called us. It is certainly true that, in some of the Churches, conditions exist which are to be deplored, and we cannot be blind to those things which are evidently discouraging; but, on the whole, we believe that there are unmistakable indications that God has prospered the work of His people, unto the glory of His name.

The efforts of a few of our Churches have been put forth under more than usually difficult conditions—some, because of the straightened circumstances of the members, being constantly threatened with financial embarrassment; this is especially true of those which receive aid from the Board; others, because of a small population in the vicinity of the Church, or of the removal of their members to other parts of the city, finding their life a constant struggle; this is the case at least of one of our "down-town" Churches, and in those situated in the outlying districts of the City, but from these Churches, almost without exception, comes a report which breathes of hope and courage, and one cannot but feel that their success has been real, even though there has been so much to depress.

From some quarters we learn of a work whose chief characteristic is said to be tranquility and evenness. We hardly know how to frame a report in their regard. They

may be in enjoyment of that state in which, as it is said, "no history is good history," or their condition may be the result of spiritual lethargy and inactivity. If this latter is the case, may the Blessed Spirit kindle again their first love, and arouse them to renewed zeal! For indifference to God-given opportunities would seem to be the great danger of every Church.

Some are privileged to report their happiness in a year of more than ordinary prosperity. The Gospel has been potent to the salvation of sinners; the Means of Grace have been effective to the building up of souls on their most holy faith; the young people especially have been full of eagerness in service, and everything serves to indicate that the power of the Spirit is resting upon their work.

From no Church has there come a wholly discouraging report; and from some, whose statements last year were of a discouraging nature, have come returns full of enthusiasm and expectancy as they look forward upon a future instinct with promise.

In the matter of benevolence, we notice that there has been a large falling off in the amount given to General Objects; the sum total being fully $6,500.00 less than last year. But while we regret this, let us rejoice that the Boards of the Church have received nearly $33,000.00 more than last year. Surely the spirit of liberality has been shown among us. In this connection we would speak particularly of the munificent gift of $10,000.00 by Mr. Robt. Schell, for the erection of a hospital in India in connection with the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. And we believe that a more faithful stewardship of money has been demonstrated by the substantial increase in giving which is seen in nearly all our Churches.

The total membership of the Churches of the Classis is now 10,196, which is over 1,000 less than was reported last year. This is to be explained by the fact that several Churches have revised their lists, for the net gain in

membership, both on confession and by certificate, after deducting the number of those who have died and of those who have been dismissed to other Churches, is 564, and this gain is well distributed throughout the Classis, only one Church having had no accessions.

The following changes are noted:

The organization of the Union Church has been dissolved by action of Classis.

The results of the enterprise at University Heights, being somewhat disappointing, the Consistory of the Collegiate Church resolved to discontinue it after May 1st, 1900. But a new mission on the west side of the city has been started by the congregation of the 29th Street Church, and gives good promise for the future.

The pastoral relation between Rev. W. J. Harsha, D. D., and the Second Collegiate Church of Harlem, has been by mutual consent dissolved; as has been also the pastoral relation between Rev. M. C. Peters, D. D., and the Bloomingdale Church.

Licentiate J. Brownlee Voorhees has been ordained, and installed over the Church at High Bridge, and Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., has been transferred from the First Collegiate Church of Harlem to the pastorate of the Second Church.

The outlook calls for greater prayerfulness and greater assiduity, and also invites to deep thankfulness to Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think, and for whom we labour, striving according to His working which worketh in us mightily.

JAMES COFFIN STOUT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

Your Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submits the following report. Consistorial reports from only nineteen (19) of the twenty-four Churches have been

received. This renders it impossible to give a complete account of the work of our Churches during the past year.

Some of our Churches report progress along all lines of work; others complain of the continuance of the financial depression. From the reports in hand, however, we gather evidence enough to warrant the conclusion that the various Churches have been blessed with the presence of God's spirit.

It is with deep regret that your committee reports a very noticeable falling off in contributions, both for benevolence and congregational purposes.

Berea.—Vacant. Sends financial report only.

Bloomingburgh.—Statistical report only.

Callicoon.—Has built a new parsonage.

Claraville.—No report.

Cuddebackville.—No report.

Deerpark.—Statistical report only.

Ellenville reports that the local depression in financial matters continues, but hope for better things in the near future. A quiet but most refreshing work of grace has crowned the opening months of the new year and the end is not yet. God help us to show forth his praise.

Fallsburgh has nothing unusual to report. The regular services have been maintained, the week of prayer observed. Contributions to benevolence show a slight increase.

Grahamsville.—Vacant; sends statistical report only.

Kerhonkson.—Statistical report only.

Mamakating.—Statistics only.

Minnisink.—No report.

Newburgh reports outward prosperity, but spiritually feels the need of the Divine blessing.

New Hurley reports this has been a year of persistent effort. Great difficulties have confronted us. The services of the Lord's Day have been well attended. The two Sunday Schools have held sessions throughout the year. Our financial obligations have been met. We have a very promising Ladies' Missionary Society, organized in January of this year.

New Prospect rejoices in that blessing of peace has continued to abide with them.

Port Jervis, Second, reports, under its new Pastor, everything in a flourishing condition. The finances are on a firm basis, attendance, upon the means of grace, very encouraging, and the Church in excellent spiritual condition.

Shawangunk.—Statistics only.

Unionville.—No report.

Walden reports that harmony and prosperity have attended their work. The regular financial obligations of the Church have been met. The building fund debt lessened by $442.00. Their Sunday School has been graded, resulting in added interest and efficiency. The life of the Junior C. E. Society has been greatly revived. In brief, the retrospect of the past year gives great encouragement for the future.

Wallkill Valley reports their Church in a healthy condition.

Walpack Upper.—No report.

Walpack Lower.—Statistical report only.

Wawarsing.—Statistics only.

Your committee would call attention to a mistake in the total number of families for the year 1899. The report credits Classis with only 1877 families, while the total should have been 1987. This correction is made lest the Classis of Orange should, by reporting a total of 2001 families this year, be placed in a false light.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The Rev. D. T. Harris was dismissed to the Classis of Ulster, October 17th, 1899.

The Rev. E. V. V. Searle was dismissed to the Classis of New Brunswick, December 19, 1899.

The Rev. Jas. C. Forbes was received from the Classis of Saratoga, February 5th, 1900, and installed as Pastor of the (Second) Port Jervis Reformed Church.

The Rev. S. T. Clifton was dismissed to the Classis of Greene, February 5, 1900.

J. A. THURSTON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

Your Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to present the following report:

The First Church of Poughkeepsie reports a year of faithful work on the part of Pastor and people. Special mention of the work done by the young people and the women of the Church is made since by their efforts the benevolent contributions have been somewhat increased. Few additions are reported, but the spiritual life of the membership has been deepened and the future is looked forward to with hope and courage.

The Second Church of Poughkeepsie reports a "year of quiet, faithful work with growth in membership and, we hope, in grace. The only special event which calls for remark is the coming of Rev. David M. Hunter to share the labors of the Pastor and to take special charge of Emmanuel Chapel. His co-operation in the work of the Church promises to be of great benefit."

Fishkill gives thanks for another year of spiritual blessing. Besides the maintainance of the regular means of grace, special efforts were made by holding evangelistic services for some weeks, much good resulting therefrom.

The report for the coming year will doubtless show the results of these special efforts.

Millbrook reports a year of steady work without any marked spiritual awakening. The various organizations of the Church have shown the spirit of helpful activity.

Hopewell reports a year of special blessing for Pastor and people. Special evangelistic services were held last spring and in the fall and winter. God blessed the efforts. The Holy Spirit came down in great power. Many souls were saved and are to-day useful members of the Church. The Lord be praised for His wonderful power.

New Hackensack reports a similar blessing. Besides renovating the exterior of the Church building, which needed it very much, the spiritual life of the congregation has been wonderfully changed. By special efforts being put forth many souls were converted and many added to the Church. On the whole the year has been one of intense activity.

Fishkill-on-Hudson reports the work of the past year as most encouraging in the different departments. Congregations are large; prayer meetings are well attended; Sunday School is growing; Missionary and Endeavor Societies manifest a great deal of interest.

Rhinebeck has had no falling off in attendance, in Church, in prayer meeting, in Sunday School, or in the Christian Endeavor Society. For the first time in the ministry of the present Pastor there are no conversions.

Cold Spring reports that during the winter season cottage prayer meetings have been held and that much good has resulted therefrom. The young people of the Church have been specially active in raising funds for necessary repairs.

The Church at Glenham reports the absence of the Pastor during the last five months on account of illness prevented the aggressive work which was hoped to be undertaken. All the services though have been maintained and the Sacraments administered.

Hyde Park gives no information as to the progress of the work there save as the statistics speak for themselves.

During the year there have been two changes of pastorates. Rev. C. W. Fritts, owing to continued ill health, was compelled to relinquish his work at Fishkill on Hudson, and the Rev. Joseph Gaston has resigned as Pastor of the Church at Hyde Park. On the other hand the Classis has had two additions to its number. Rev. E. A. McCullum has taken up the work at Fishkill on Hudson, and Rev. David M. Hunter has come to assist the pastor of the Second Church of Poughkeepsie.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST CLAPP, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

Thirteen of our fourteen Churches have reported. No word from Melrose.

We welcome to our number the newly organized Church of Mile Square, Yonkers. It is under the care of the Pastor of the Church of Mount Vernon.

All our Churches have pastors and all those, which have made other than the mere statistical returns, show a good degree of prosperity. From the Churches, which have not gone into details, the figures also show activity and earnestness.

Bronxville.—Only statistics.

Cortlandtown.—The regular work of the Church has been carried on with some degree of encouragement. Past difficulties are slowly but surely vanishing. We are looking forward to a time when, as a reunited band, we can move forward in the Lord's work. At Verplanck the attendance has materially increased and there has been a large addition to the Sunday School from the Protestant foreign population that has lately moved into the place.

Greenburg.—Attendance never better than during the present pastorate. Two male adults confessed Christ. Our contributions reached high water mark.

Greenville.—The revision of the roll shows a large decrease, caused by deaths and removals. Our Church is passing through severe trials, but we are holding on by faith, hoping for the dawn of better days.

Hastings reports an increase in every department. All our departments of work are in a healthy and vigorous condition. Our Christian Endeavor and mid-week prayer meetings are well sustained, particularly by the young people, a number of whom have during the year confessed Christ, united with the Church and entered upon the work of the Church with deep interest and enthusiasm.

Mile Square, Yonkers, under the care of Rev. Dr. Tyndall, sends statistical report only. This Church has been organized within the year.

Mount Vernon.—Statistics only.

Park Hill, Yonkers.—A year of prosperous harmonious endeavor to extend Christ's kingdom. No new wheels have been added, but there is evidence that the Spirit of God has been in the wheels of our organization. We propose "to expect great things from God and to undertake great things for God."

Peekskill is preparing to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary and hopes to pay off the debt and refurnish the Church. Spiritual interest is good, but the field is a difficult one and the Church asks the prayers of every Church in the Classis.

Tarrytown First has had a substantial gain in its effective working force. There has been a gain in the amounts given to benevolence and in the interest manifested, especially in the cause of missions. Good attendance at Church, well sustained Sunday School and an active and earnest Christian Endeavor Society. These are some of the blessings which elicit devout gratitude.

Tarrytown Second.—Statistics only.

Unionville.—The Consistory has ordered a revision of the roll, which may materially modify the membership roll for the coming year.

Yonkers First is grateful for another year of the right hand of the Most High. The spirit of fidelity to the services of the Church, of harmony in the prosecution of its work and of benevolence towards its poor, has been delightful to witness. There has been a large increase in communicant membership, the largest in any single year of the past five. The accessions at the recent communion were larger than in any of the past seven. Since the completion of payments on the floating debt, last December, the signs of hope have been greatly multiplied and delightfully contrast with the heavy cloud under which the Church has rested for more than four years. The future seems beckoning to a wider field of opportunity and to deeper spiritual blessings, for which this Church is earnestly praying "in His name."

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Rev. John A. Todd, D. D., died March 15th, 1900. Rev. F. A. Force received from Classes of Montgomery, July 12, 1899, and installed as Pastor of Church of Cortlandtown, August 2, 1899. Rev. John G. Gebhard was received from Classis of Montgomery, April 17, 1900.

WM. S. C. WEBSTER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.						POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent, Denominational Objects			Benevolent, Other Objects,			Congregational.			
															R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	
Arcot	Joshua Selvam	69	4	9	19	..	4	93	16	..	198	3	5	360	127	10	0	..	..	..	447	0	1	Ranipettai, Mad. Pres., India.
Yehamur	Abraham Muni	368	16	24	27	1	3	271	75	52	740	252	24	485	151	11	3	..	..	..	421	10	6	Melpadi, N.A. " "
Arni	E. C. Scudder	37	1	10	10	..	..	90	4	6	110	4	6	368	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Arni, " "
Vellambi	"	15	..	2	5	..	1	22	5	..	47	1	2	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	" " "
Alliendal	"	24	..	3	2	..	..	24	5	..	53	15	2	64	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	" " "
Gnanodiam	E. C. Scudder Moses Nathaniel	50	..	5	10	..	2	88	1	..	179	28	7	278	385	7	8	..	..	..	164	7	8	Chetpett, N.A. " "
Sattambadi	E. C. Scudder Moses Nathaniel	26	..	5	3	..	..	38	4	..	98	3	3	48	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	" " " "
Marutuvambadi	E. C. Scudder	30	15	4	4	..	..	43	11	13	52	38	2	98	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Arni, " "
Chittoor	John Yesuratnam	206	17	35	19	2	2	197	29	17	394	106	21	625	279	3	7	..	..	..	638	7	7	Chittoor, " "
Coonoor	E. C. Scudder	64	3	4	5	..	4	99	4	3	138	4	4	145	136	5	4	..	..	..	102	12	9	Arni, " "
Madanapalle	John Souri Joseph John	203	6	15	16	2	..	166	15	9	408	112	15	465	123	4	0	99	0	0	517	15	11	Madanapalle, " "
Palmaner	Erskine Thavamani	23	5	22	27	..	1	51	8	..	43	7	4	167	189	12	1	..	..	..	119	8	11	Palmaner, " "
Tindivanam	J. H. Wyckoff (s. c.) Meshach Peter	51	3	14	19	1	..	86	9	..	119	32	7	416	119	6	10	..	..	..	288	11	8	Tindivanam, S. A., M. P., In.
Orattur	Paul Bailey	70	2	7	11	6	2	78	1	2	114	42	4	100	34	9	11	..	..	..	28	10	0	Villipuram, " " " "
Narasuiganur	"	81	3	1	6	7	6	86	5	3	164	52	6	63	23	11	4	..	..	..	67	0	6	" " " "
Velleripett	"	63	10	..	8	1	..	78	24	10	128	30	4	83	33	13	0	..	..	..	33	5	1	" " " "
Gingee	John Peter	55	2	5	6	2	1	63	4	2	76	46	4	81	34	7	9	..	..	..	54	10	9	Gingee, " " "
Varikkal	"	47	..	..	7	14	2	63	3	..	104	6	4	48	13	10	8	..	..	..	27	13	8	" " " "
Kolapakkam	"	83	15	2	29	1	2	135	19	15	169	31	7	79	20	6	9	..	..	..	47	5	3	" " " "
Vellore	S. A. Sebastian	51	13	24	24	..	5	120	8	3	137	2	4	204	202	3	9	..	..	..	215	8	2	Vellore, " " "
Katpadi	Benjamin Thomas	180	3	14	14	..	3	146	40	29	342	91	9	224	56	5	0	..	..	..	95	4	2	Katpadi, N. A., " "
Kandiputtur	Isaac Lazar	109	1	5	10	1	5	122	2	4	155	43	6	140	39	4	3	..	..	..	61	10	6	Tiruvallam, " " "
Kottapalli	Benjamin Thomas	125	4	6	9	..	1	80	41	31	197	94	9	157	46	4	5	..	..	..	60	4	2	Katpadi " " "
Sekadu	Isaac Lazar	52	..	3	24	1	2	66	17	3	117	9	3	80	16	12	0	..	..	..	37	0	8	Tiruvallam, " " "
	Total	2082	123	219	314	39	46	2305	350	202	4282	1051	162	4803	2034	5	7	99	0	0	3429	4	0	

Other Ministers.—J. Chamberlain, M. D., in America; L. B. Chamberlain, H. J. Scudder, Madanapalle, India; W. I. Chamberlain, John Scudder, M. D., Vellore, India; J. A. Beattie, Chittoor, India; E. Thavamani, Palmaner, India; L. R. Scudder, M. D., Ranipettai, India.

Candidates.—S. Santosham, S. Chellan, Elias Nathaniel, N. Jottnayakam, John Wilkins, J. M. Scondram, David Muni, Cephas Whitehead, Simeon Cornelius, Jepamani Aaron, J. Solomon, J. Daniel, P. Timothy, T. Samuel, J. I. David, Edward Bedford, D. Lazarus, John Kay, Joseph Paul, Moses Joshua, P. Kadiwelu, C. Iyacun, Joseph Asirvadam.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

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First Claverack	George H. Burrill	113	4	4	11	..	6	251	6	...	....	143	4	281	$484 15	$136 38	$1,500 00	Claverack, Col. Co., N. Y.
Gallatin	Vacant	68	...	...	2	..	4	*115	5	...	....	...	1	50	32 40	.....	695 25	Mt. Ross, Dutchess Co., "
Germantown	Chalmers P. Dyke	115	6	3	2	.	4	183	6	1	....	125	1	125	230 00	40 00	1,500 00	Germantown, Col. Co., "
Greenport	Charles E. Corwin	82	3	2	6	..	2	151	1	1	....	50	2	140	144 56	59 38	1,388 51	Greendale, " "
Hudson	Charles Park	275	11	13	3	..	6	440	7	4	.....	...	1	225	1,573 00	445 00	6,800 00	Hudson, " "
Linlithgo	Jonah W. Vaughan (s.c)	70	4	1	1	..	2	*163	2	...	43	60	1	100	189 00	21 00	1,234 00	Livingston, " "
Livingston at Linlithgo	Fred'k K. Shield (s.s.)	72	12	1	1	..	2	*95	20	4	...	24	2	195	85 66	29 16	976 16	Linlithgo, " "
Mellinville	George Z. Collier	110	1	7	9	..	2	*187	3	...	49	....	1	96	162 39	4 61	1,314 79	Mellinville, " "
Philmont	Francis V. Van Vranken	116	5	5	10	..	3	*230	2	5	38	100	1	198	987 96	90 86	1,649 50	Philmont, " "
Upper Red Hook	Charles Maar	53	5	3	...	..	3	*145	...	1	38	...	1	55	247 56	40 95	887 00	UpperRedH'k, Dutch Co., "
West Copake	William E. Compton	95	3	1	1	..	3	120	5	2	85	128	1	128	97 07	6 00	1,064 58	West Copake, Col. Co., "
	Total	1169	54	40	46	..	37	2080	57	18	253	630	16	1593	$4,238 75	$873 34	$19,009 79	

* Revised List.

Other Ministers.—Edward T. Corwin, New Brunswick, N. J.; David M. Williams, Albany, N. Y.; Mortimer Smith, Saugerties, N. Y.

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			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Bloomingdale	Joseph Millett	150	20	...	3	..	6	292	14	6	....	....	1	325	$ 65 00	$ 10 00	$ 800 00	Bloomington, N. Y.
The Clove	Herman Hageman (s. c.)	150	5	5	19	..	1	†281*	25	1	300	100	3	325	433 32	10 00	1,751 54	High Falls, "
Dashville Falls	Supplied	47	12	6	3	..	2	87*	1	8	..	....	1	61	5 00	2 00	693 59	Rifton Glen "
Gardiner	T. F. Bayles	74	2	1	2	..	2	130*	1	1		75	1	75	32 25	3 43	1,495 82	Gardiner, "
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher	70	7	1	1	..	2	119	1	6	89	61	2	128	93 61	21 50	975 00	Libertyville, "
Hurley	Albert H. Schlieder	73	4	...	3	..	4	146	4	...	47	30	1	67	223 34	34 64	1,122 14	Hurley, "
Kingston, Fair St.	F. B. Seeley	200	10	16	9	..	8	430*	1	2	....	....	1	272	305 78	126 17	3,755 00	Kingston, "
Krumville	Supplied	24	..	...	1	..	1	75	...	1	40	12	1	75	3 00	....	350 00	Krumville, "
Lyonsville	Supplied	42	64	2	...	..	2	126*	5	23	....	....	1	73	5 23	.....	261 50	Kripplebush, "
Marbletown	George Davis	90	2	...	4	..	3	143*	1	...	....	...	2	135	160 36	8 40	590 00	Stone Ridge, "
Marbletown, North	George Davis (s. s.)	50	...	...	2	..	2	95*	...	...	....	....	1	36	22 90	3 50	274 00	Stone Ridge, "
New Paltz	E. C. Oggel	274	25	17	10	2	10	596*	19	13	375	110	6	500	619 00	117 00	2,810 00	New Paltz, "
Rochester	John L. McNair	112	13	2	9	..	3	178*	3	3	61	....	5	340	126 09	17 07	982 92	Accord, "
Rosendale	Vacant	102	19	9	2	..	1	189*	3	5	....	....	1	144	18 87	5 83	2,451 50	Rosendale, "
Rosendale Plains	Vacant	83	4	1	...	..	2	95	1	...	1	....	1	100	17 06	.....	609 49	Rosendale, "
St. Remy	Joseph Millett	60	9	1	...	..	1	128*	..	...	...	...	1	130	20 00	5 00	570 00	Bloomington, "
	Total	1601	196	61	68	2	50	3110	69	69	913	388	29	2786	$2,150 81	$364 54	$19,492 50	

*Revised list. †25 on non-resident list.

Other Ministers.—Paul T. Deyo, Krumville, N. Y.; James Cantine, Missionary; Samuel T. Searle, New Brunswick, N. J.; J. R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, N. Y.

Candidates.—Eugene H. Keator, Rosendale, N. Y.

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Jamaica	Robert K. Wick	180	12	18	3	..	6	351	12	2	..	....	2	300	$ 630 00	$ 50 00	$ 4,425 00	Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.
Newtown	Charles K. Clearwater	135	4	2	....	..	....	236	5	..	....	....	2	300	387 00	35 00	4,260 06	Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y.
Oyster Bay	Vacant	108	2	1	1	..	5	126	4	..	....	55	1	85	144 55	13 43	916 46	Glen Head, L. I., N. Y.
North Hempstead	Alfred Duncombe	73	2	1	....	..	3	159	7	1	....	....	2	213	140 07	20 00	1,485 72	Manhasset, L. I., N. Y.
Williamsburgh	Howard Wilbur Ennis	113	12	11	1	..	2	202	6	3	....	....	1	275	529 29	368 55	11,866 30	473 Bedford Ave, Bklyn., N.Y.
Astoria	John Charles Rauscher	141	18	12	5	..	4	217	11	2	....	....	1	236	694 70	32 00	2,500 00	Astoria, L. I., "
Flushing	Rockwell H. Potter	160	14	25	5	..	6	330	20	7	....	....	2	362	855 43	544 13	5,212 51	60 S. Parsons Ave, Flush'g, "
Kent St., Brooklyn	Lewis Francis	194	13	6	7	..	7	375	15	5	....	....	2	834	1,847 05	221 10	5,965 75	143 Noble St., Brooklyn, "
South Bushwick	George D. Hulst	200	28	6	7	..	5	394	31	5	....	....	1	1688	380 00	50 00	4,546 60	15 Himrod St., " "
Second, Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	100	6	....	....	..	3	302	62	....	....	10	1	225	185 00	60 00	1,347 00	520 Second Ave., Astoria, "
East Williamsburgh	D. E. Van Giesen (s.s.)	....	....	....	5	..	....	13	..	....	....	....	1	112	.....	.....	456 59	.....
Queens	J. S. N. Demarest	81	5	4	4	..	3	143	3	....	....	135	1	175	343 75	91 15	1,791 71	Queens, L. I., "
German Ev., Brooklyn	John C. Guenther	104	....	....	5	..	25	200	155	....	....	60	2	750	75 00	50 00	.....	56 Union Ave., Brooklyn, "
Sayville	Vacant	50	8	2	4	4	2	95	16	....	....	30	1	85	54 61	86 00	834 57	West Sayville, L. I., "
Locust Valley	Vacant	40	4	....	....	....	....	32	....	4	....	....	1	90	50 98	9 31	.....	Locust Valley, " "
College Point	Frank Malven	110	8	4	1	..	1	161	11	....	....	8	1	160	341 31	116 69	1,477 32	College Point, " "
First, L. I. City	Alexander Shaw	68	4	3	5	..	....	63	35	2	....	140	1	155	65 66	30 00	900 03	102 Academy St., L. I. City, "
Bushwick	William H. Jackson	200	20	2	11	..	4	260	15	....	....	....	1	.....	30 00	50 00	2,896 00	223 S. 5th St., Brooklyn, "
German Ev., Jamaica	Fred. Stoebner	75	101	2	35	..	3	234	29	....	....	23	1	225	48 50	18 00	1,104 54	Jamaica, L. I., "
Hicksville	Ernest Gutweiler	65	2	....	1	....	....	61	8	....	....	100	1	125	.....	.....	1,200 00	Hicksville, " "
Second, Newtown	August G. F. Bender	53	10	....	....	....	1	125	14	....	6	10	1	96	15 00	8 00	506 00	Elmhurst, " "
Steinway	Urish D. Gulick (s.s.)	44	....	....	....	....	....	85	....	....	....	....	1	375	.....	.....	.....	Steinway, " "
Church of Jesus, Bklyn	August Guenther	68	15	....	....	..	3	104	40	....	....	15	1	275	12 00	5 00	1,050 00	15 Central Place, Bklyn, "
New Hyde Park	Vacant	17	....	....	....	....	....	27	....	....	....	....	1	207	.....	.....	.....	New Hyde Park, L. I., "
Sunnyside, L. I. City	Daniel P. Doyle	37	7	5	2	..	2	41	9	3	....	21	1	125	60 80	5 00	785 28	157 Skillman Av., " City"
	Total	2416	295	104	102	4	85	4336	508	34	6	607	31	7473	$7.188 70	$1,863 36	$55,527 28	

Other Ministers.—Wm. H. Ten Eyck (s. c.), 159 W. 23d St., N. Y.; Robert H. Barr, Newburgh, N. Y.; James Demarest, 11 Revere Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.; John Baumeister, 273 Lincoln St., Flushing, L. I., N. Y.; David E. Van Giesen, 184 Franklin St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; John H. Smock, Locust Valley, N. Y.

Candidate.—Herman H. Shook, 89 Nassau Street, New York.

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First Reformed	James M. Farrar	350	68	57	10	..	8	1008	20	11	....	....	1	990	$1,819 44	$7,415 00	.....	857 President St., Brooklyn.
Flatbush	Cornelius L. Wells	150	14	18	5	..	5	‡462	8	5	240	150	1	554	2,507 06	2,465 00	.....	900 Flatbush Ave., "
Grace Chapel	Charles S. Wyckoff	85	15	6	13	..	1	*133	8	2	132	30	1	233	31 20	20 00	$ 640 36	582 Flatbush Ave., "
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	100	14	5	5	..	2	347	4	4	....	75	1	425	1,259 14	275 99	4,489 04	7920 18th Ave., "
Gravesend	Peter V. Van Buskirk	120	5	..	3	..	2	252	11	..	....	....	3	511	817 30	687 00	4,000 00	817 Neck Road, "
Flatlands	John S. Gardner (s. c.)	89	5	2	...	..	4	206	5	..	....	45	2	216	583 64	137 00	4,470 00	44 Kowenhoven Pl., "
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	80	7	1	3	..	1	229	10	..	....	100	1	367	300 61	85 00	2,600 00	New Lots Ave., Sta. E, "
East New York	James M. Dickson	158	10	7	7	..	2	*235	8	..	....	....	1	459	291 44	775 00	5,980 18	53 Vermont Ave., "
South Brooklyn	Benj. F. Dickhaut	245	26	27	15	..	2	*426	52	6	....	402	1	795	537 00	140 00	†5,401 00	165 52d St, "
Twelfth Street	John E. Lloyd	312	30	15	12	..	7	890	25	8	400	300	1	1200	372 02	507 52	8,084 11	806 Carroll St., "
North	Evert Van Slyke (s. s.)	....	4	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	1	90	28 19	61 00	1,600 00	403 Washington Ave., "
Church-on-the-Heights, Bethany Chapel	J. Douglass Adam	320	17	9	4	..	6	424	8	1	....	....	2	480	2,595 18	5,208 79	22,043 90	72 Willow St., "
New Brooklyn	Fred. C. Erhardt	132	22	..	..	..	16	363	52	..	....	15	1	328	133 55	90 75	2,141 00	1062 Herkimer St., Brooklyn.
Second, Flatbush	Louis Goebel	54	11	..	..	..	1	....	10	..	....	8	1	160	10 00	10 00	1,167 00	63 Church Ave., "
Canarsie	John Ficken	25	2	..	1	..	2	100	17	..	10	6	1	70	84 00	20 00	950 00	Canarsie, "
Bedford	Vacant	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Thomas, D. W. I.	A. M. Arcularius	46	2	..	1	..	4	102	2	..	....	..	1	65	10 50	.....	833 61	St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Ocean Hill	A. Messler Quick	50	1	1	2	..	1	140	2	..	....	60	1	150	16 24	30 00	.....	56 7th Ave., Brooklyn.
Edgewood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams	40	13	9	3	..	1	110	6	..	40	..	1	225	75 00	40 00	1,250 00	Blythebourne Station, "
Ridgewood	George R. Israel	50	2	..	..	..	..	47	15	..	17	....	1	200	2 00	7 00	720 00	Evergreen, Long Island.
Greenwood Heights	N. H. Van Arsdale (s. s.)	43	..	1	7	..	..	*48	15	..	....	....	1	124	39 56	11 34	749 95	4 Warren St., New York City.
Bay Ridge	Charles Judson Scudder	75	14	2	2	..	..	122	4	1	32	139	1	241	434 44	155 43	4,601 45	246 80th St., Brooklyn.
German American Ref.	Wm. J. H. Boetcker	84	46	4	6	..	2	180	29	..	....	18	2	260	... .	9 00	1,500 00	124 Crystal St., "
	Total	2608	328	164	99		67	5844	308	38	871	1338	27	8143	$11,937 45	$18,150 82	$73,221 60	

* Revised list. † $:,736 of which is for new Church Building. ‡ Including 128 members of Grace Chapel.

Other Ministers.—Daniel Rapalje, 25 East 22d Street, New York; John Mason Ferris, Editor "Christian Intelligencer," Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Uriah D. Gulick, Steinway, L. I. City; D. N. Vanderveer, Greenport, L. I.; Walter T. Griffin, Limoges, France, U. S. Consul; Edwin F. See, Y. M. C. A., 508 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; J. L. Zabriskie, Flatbush, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. R. Davis, Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. De W. Mason, Editor "Mission Field," 25 East 22d Street, N. Y. City; H. T. Jones, Bergen Point, Bayonne, N. J.; William D. Perry, 198 Washington Park, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Daniel Van Pelt, 80 Remsen Street, Astoria, N. Y.

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Collegiate	Edward B. Coe, S. M.																	42 W. 52d St., N. Y. City
" Fifth Avenue	Donald Sage Mackay.																	20 E. 66th St, "
" "	A. Hageman, Asst.																	139 W. 84th St., "
" Marble	David J. Burrell																	248 W. 75th St., "
" "	Alfred E. Myers, Asst																	309 W. 70th St., "
" "	A. H. Bradshaw, Asst																	353 W. 57th St., "
" West End	Henry E. Cobb	2105	133	194	90	..	38	†2821	121	15	...	....	9	3985	$64,106 42	$7,375 55	.....	370 W. End Ave., "
" Middle	John G. Fagg / Edward Niles																	3 Rutherford Pl., " / 50 E. 7th St., "
" North Ch. Chapel																		
" Thirty-fourth St.	John H. Elliott																	223 Central Park West, "
" Knox Mem. Chap.	William Vaughan																	405 W. 41st St., "
" Vermilye Chapel.																		
Harlem Collegiate	Joachim Elmendorf / Edgar Tilton, Jr.	†679	62	92	65	..	19	†1588	40	7	....	500	2	1370	8,295 00	1,162 00	.....	"Winthrop," 125th St & 7th Ave / 269 Lenox Ave., N. Y. City
South	Roderick Terry	215	3	2	...	...	...	280	4	2	102	97	1	125	10,300 00	1,000 00	$12,000 00	169 Madison Ave., "
Manor Chapel, South.	James Palmer	200	22	3	3	..	2	282	15	1	160	50	2	400	300 00	200 00	1,800 00	205 W. 87th St., "
Staten Island	Alfred H. Demarest	180	21	17	12	..	14	380	9	6	....	225	2	600	807 69	180 54	4,600 00	Port Richmond, S. I.
Bloomingdale	Vacant	125	9	15	16	..	3	300	19	...	....	....	2	550	10 00	806 00	10,201 00	B'way & 68th St., "
Madison Avenue	Abbott E. Kittredge / Wm. Dana Street, Asst.	500	38	31	30	..	14	1302	14	9	....	....	2	1331	21,410 73	1,891 16	24,612 68	711 Park Ave., " / 567 Park Ave., "
German Evang. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	50	7	...	7	..	13	200	28	2		25	2	375	250 00	671 66	1,293 42	78 2d St., "
Huguenot	David Junor	70	2	1	...	...	...	43	2	...	....	....	2	151	50 00	10 00	1,300 00	Sea Side, S. I.
Mott Haven	John Francis Dobbs, s.s.	108	17	12	4	..	3	228	8	2	200	200	1	520	65 39	1,200 00	3,242 86	590 E. 146th St., "

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Union, High Bridge	J. Brownlee Voorhees	130	7	8	14	..	2	+170	14	1		161	1	310	735 61	235 01	2,582 07	Woody Crest Ave., H. B.
Fourth, German	John H. Oerter	80	20	1	2		...	+250	26	...	130	20	1	210	343 38	165 66	2,026 59	248 W. 40th St., N. Y. City
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	19	...	...	3	...	1	54	...	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	72 00	3 E. 94th St., "
Avenue B, German	Jacob Schlegel	120	34	1	3	..	12	590	75	...	....	39	1	500	200 00	400 00	2,500 00	602 Fifth St., "
Brighton Heights	Jas. Coffin Stout	135	4	14	7	...	1	210	19	2	....	....	1	375	314 12	295 63	3,675 94	New Brighton, S. I.
Norfolk St., German	Charles Schlegel	....	30	4	2	..	1	200	67	.		25	2	450	..... .	16 50	14 80	68th St. near 1st Ave., "
Kreischerville, St. Peters	Jacob Ganss	100	4	...	12	..	5	130	12	...	....	12	2	150	.....	.....	200 00	Kreischerville, S. I.
Grace	Joseph R. Duryee	226	17	4	2	1	4	307	21	2	....	60	1	248	240 00	320 00	4,410 00	139 E. 36th St., "
Hamilton Grange	Charles B. Chapin	125	17	21	15	..	3	+289	10	3	....	....	1	275	403 68	85 72	3,729 56	117 Convent Ave., "
Church of the Comforter	Henry V. S. Myers	32	...	5	...	...	...	+57	.	...	16	115	1	125	35 33	..... .	1,434 91	502 E. 162d St., "
Anderson Memorial	James Hunter	60	20	18	3	...	...	+89	15	1	....	....	1	170	65 91	.....	2,197 44	2243 Bathgate Ave., "
West Farms	Herman C. Weber	50	3	1	1	..	1	31	6	...	....	....	1	91	34 95	4 81	1,182 00	Boston Road, West Farms.
Fordham	Joseph Merlin Hodson	134	7	9	...	...	...	243	8	2	....	..	1	167	691 90	17 03	4,358 39	Fordham, N. Y.
Bethany Memorial	J. T. Lonsdale, s.s	....	44	12	1	...	...	167	15	...	15	17	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	1098 First Ave., N. Y. City.
Columbian	*	....	37	1	...	1	1	105	2	...	....	20	1	.....	.....	.....	163 49	.....
	Total	5443	564	466	292	2	137	10316	550	55	623	1566	40	12478	108,660 11	$16,037 29	$87,597 15	

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CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

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*Berea	Vacant	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	$ 43 00	$ 10 00	$ 434 98	Walden, N. Y.
Bloomingburg	J. L. Stillwell	80	1	...	3	...	1	110	3	...	...	...	1	82	104 00	25 00	750 00	Bloomingburg, "
Callicoon	Henry Unglaub	62	6	...	...	...	5	130	19	...	...	16	1	100	10 00	10 00	1,975 00	Callicoon, "
*Claraville	Vacant	17	...	...	...	...	...	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Grahamsville, "
*Cuddebackville	Vacant	52	...	...	...	...	...	94	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	746 00	Cuddebackville, "
Deerpark	Thomas H. Mackenzie	260	22	4	9	...	7	549	6	12	204	125	1	470	692 00	379 00	4,352 00	Port Jervis "
Ellenville	Herman C. Berg	170	10	5	...	...	2	320	2	...	...	197	1	248	291 17	232 00	2,145 00	Ellenville, "
Fallsburgh	B. T. Statesir	80	5	...	4	...	...	136	1	2	...	32	3	176	125 56	...	692 42	Woodbourne, "
Grahamsville	Vacant	35	...	...	1	...	2	94	...	...	...	...	1	98	15 00	...	82 50	Grahamsville, "
Kerhonkson	C. Von Oostenbrugge	52	5	...	2	1	2	59	1	1	...	...	1	80	14 00	2 00	475 00	Kerhonkson, "
Mamakating	Vacant	50	...	...	4	...	2	99	...	...	...	20	1	65	...	...	680 38	Wurtsboro' "
*Minnisink	Vacant	25	...	...	...	...	...	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	130 00	Montague, New Jersey
Montgomery	J. Frederick Berg	175	2	3	5	...	4	420	4	1	...	150	1	150	465 89	47 35	3,510 74	Montgomery, N. Y.
Newburgh	Robert H. Beattie	183	2	10	6	...	5	301	6	1	...	...	2	230	259 18	100 00	3,944 74	Newburgh, "
†New Hurley	J. A. Thurston	93	3	...	6	...	6	144	2	2	52	75	2	103	59 33	8 36	1,114 07	New Hurley, "
New Prospect	E. O. Moffett	103	7	4	3	...	6	193	4	1	...	142	1	142	264 59	28 71	1,435 21	Pine Bush, "
Port Jervis, Second	J. C. Forbes	45	11	8	5	...	...	54	4	8	19	241	1	100	17 00	...	469 43	Port Jervis, "
Shawangunk	Sheldon Vandeburg	84	5	2	3	...	7	163	1	1	...	75	4	185	76 00	5 00	1,227 12	Bruynswick, "
*Unionville	Vacant	7	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40 00	Grahamsville, "
Walden	W. W. Schomp	182	9	10	1	...	7	396	12	...	130	...	1	288	478 81	123 03	3,244 63	Walden, "
Wallkill Valley	Marion T. Conklin	95	10	10	4	...	4	206	1	6	...	...	1	220	231 28	36 07	1,740 62	Wallkill, "
Walpack, Upper	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dingman's Ferry, Pa.
Walpack, Lower	Chas H. Whittaker	70	...	...	2	...	2	130	...	...	...	100	2	110	35 52	...	450 00	Bushkill, Pa.
Wawarsing	C. Van Oostenbrugge	46	1	2	1	...	1	44	3	1	...	...	1	75	12 00	5 00	600 00	Napanoch, N. Y.
	Total	2001	99	58	59	1	63	3746	69	36	405	1173	26	2922	$3,194 33	$1,011 52	$30,239 84	

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Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	19	...	...	3	..	1	54	...	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	72 00	3 E. 94th St., "
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Kreischerville, St. Peters	Jacob Ganss	100	4	...	12	..	5	130	12	...	....	12	2	150	.....	.....	200 00	Kreischerville, S. I.
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West Farms	Herman C. Weber	50	3	1	1	..	1	31	6	...	....	....	1	91	34 95	4 81	1,182 00	Boston Road, West Farms.
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Mamakating	Vacant	50	...	...	4	..	2	99	..	...	....	20	1	65	.....	.....	680 38	Wurtsboro' "
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Montgomery	J. Frederick Berg	175	2	3	5	..	4	420	4	1	....	150	1	150	465 89	47 35	3,510 74	Montgomery, N Y.
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First, Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson (s. c.)	200	10	4	2	..	9	446	15	1	....	....	1	280	$1,491 00	$2,082 00	$3,185 00	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second, "	Wm. Bancroft Hill	200	16	9	6	..	9	409	3	9	....	....	2	290	1,524 00	1,126 00	6,760 00	" "
Fishkill	A. H. Huizinga	110	10	3	3	..	7	247	6	2	....	....	1	94	196 00	55 00	1,935 00	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	Ernest Clapp	90	45	6	..	..	4	†150	3	40	....	....	*4	180	274 00	114 00	1,140 00	Hopewell Junction, N. Y.
New Hackensack	Wm. A. Dumont	95	32	...	7	..	7	†200	1	19	....	....	*4	175	241 00	30 00	1,230 00	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	J. Howard Suydam	125	...	..	...	..	6	†164	1	..	....	....	1	100	433 00	80 00	2,421 00	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	E. A. McCullum	140	10	5	3	..	3	354	2	2	....	....	1	200	313 00	79 00	4,964 00	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	Vacant	51	7	2	3	..	4	†65	16	3	....	....	1	78	243 00	.....	1,546 00	Hyde Park, "
Glenham	Wm. V. D. Strong	42	...	...	...	..	1	†38	...	...	....	....	1	43	17 00	27 00	500 00	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Joseph McIntyre	30	...	4	...	..	1	47	5	...	....	....	1	35	7 00	.....	459 00	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	J. E. Lyall	103	10	3	3	..	2	184	3	1	....	....	2	100	527 00	111 00	1,750 00	Millbrook, "
	Total	1186	140	36	27	..	53	2304	55	77	....	....	19	1573	$5,266 00	$3,704 00	$25,890 00	

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, 25 East 22d St., New York; Rev. David M. Hunter, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Rev. C. W. Fritts, Fishkill-on-Hudson, N. Y.; Rev. F. F. Wilson, Asbury Park, N. J.; Rev. Joseph Gaston; Rev. P. W. Pitcher, Amoy, China.

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Bronxville	William S. C. Webster.	80	5	4	3	..	2	74	1	1	20	....	1	150	$464 00	$ 36 00	$1,975 00	Bronxville.
Cortlandtown	F. A. Force	91	2	3	3	.	1	*111	9	2	59	50	2	160	25 00	5 00	1,193 54	Montrose.
Greenburgh	G. A. T. Goebel	40	2	...	...	..	...	50	4	...	....	48	1	74	30 18	6 00	691 54	Elmsford.
Greenville	J. A. Harper	40	...	...	...	..	2	*52	1	...	....	20	1	53	17 85	.....	781 28	Scarsdale.
Hastings	Orville L. Sigafoos	75	13	9	3	..	3	95	5	3	....	40	1	125	96 85	46 00	1,469 44	Hastings-on-Hudson.
Melrose	George H. Miller	†92	...	...	...	..	...	†306	...	...	....	....	1	†380	.....	.....	.....	748 Elton Ave., N. Y. City.
Mount Vernon	C. H. Tyndall	150	14	8	13	..	1	281	4	3	....	100	2	211	553 80	97 74	3,981 56	Mount Vernon.
Mile Square, Yonkers	Vacant	28	4	2	...	..	3	13	1	2	.	....	1	44	14 21	.....	3,848 00	Yonkers.
Park Hill	William P. Bruce	115	8	13	7	..	1	157	2	1	45	30	1	200	295 54	45 00	3,585 24	Broadway Avenue, Yonkers.
Peekskill	Henry de Vries	55	1	5	4	..	6	139	4	...	71	25	1	.....	75 00	.....	1,523 76	Peekskill.
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	135	4	18	4	..	4	325	1	...	....	....	1	265	1,367 00	416 00	5,304 00	Tarrytown.
" Second	Arthur F. Mabon	90	4	6	...	..	2	191	4	1	...	....	1	133	337 70	33 72	2,296 88	Tarrytown.
Unionville	Albert Kuiper	50	2	4	...	..	...	75	4	1	....	....	1	58	36 00	.....	1,278 00	Neperan.
Yonkers, First	T. Edward Inglis	†150	9	11	4	..	5	430	15	2	†120	12	1	223	392 90	72 00	13,964 00	Yonkers.
	Total	1191	68	83	41	..	27	2299	55	16	315	325	16	2076	$3,705 28	$757 46	$41,892 24	

*Revised roll. †Figures from last year's return.

Other Ministers.—W. W. Rand, American Tract Society; Howard Harris, Japan; J. H. Berthoff, Yonkers, N. Y.; Dr. David Cole, Yonkers, N. Y.: Rev. J. G. Gebhard, 359 Riverdale Avenue, Yonkers, N. Y.; James Bolton, Royceneld, N. J.; H. J. Bogardus, M. D., Jersey City, N. J.; L. C. Andrews, White Plains, N. Y.; F. M. Bogardus, Asbury Park, N. J.; F. S. Scudder, Japan.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK

For the Year Ending May 1, 1900.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.
				Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	Number of S. S.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Arcot	24	25	2082	123	219	314	39	46	2305	350	202	4282	1051	162	4803	$ 1,017	$ 50	$ 1.714	Rev. John H. Wyckoff.
Hudson	11	13	1169	52	40	46	....	37	2080	57	18	253	630	16	1593	4,233	873	19,009	Rev. Jonah W. Vaughan.
Kingston	16	14	1601	196	61	68	2	50	3110	69	69	913	388	29	2786	2,150	364	19,492	Rev. Herman Hageman.
North Long Island	25	27	2416	295	104	102	4	85	4336	508	34	6	607	31	7473	7.188	1,863	55,527	Rev. William H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island	24	34	2608	328	164	99	....	67	5844	308	38	871	1338	27	8143	11,937	18,150	73,221	Rev. John S. Gardner.
New York	24	55	5443	564	466	292	2	137	10316	550	55	623	1566	40	12748	108,660	16,037	87,597	Rev. Henry V. S. Myers.
Orange	24	21	2001	99	58	59	1	63	3746	69	36	405	1173	26	2922	3.194	1,011	30,239	Rev. Herman C. Berg.
Poughkeepsie	11	17	1186	140	36	27	..	53	2304	55	77	.....	.....	19	1573	5,266	3,704	25,890	Rev. A. P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	14	23	1191	68	83	41	....	27	2299	55	16	315	325	16	2076	3,705	757	41,892	Rev. William P. Bruce.
Total	173	229	19697	1865	1231	1048	48	565	36340	2021	545	7668	7078	366	44117	$147,350	$42,809	$353,581	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by Sub-Committee on each of the Classes and the reports were severally accepted, and are as follows:

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee on the Classical Minutes of Hudson respectfully report that they have examined the minutes, and find them carefully and properly kept.

J. A. HARPER.
N. B. HUNTER.

Classis of Kingston.—The Committee on the Records of the Clasis of Kingston hereby approve the minutes of said Classis.

CHARLES PARK,
JACOB L. TREMPER.

North Classis of Long Island.—Your Committee would respectfully report: We have examined the minutes of the North Class of Long Island and find them carefully kept and in order.

J. W. VAUGHAN,
HENRY FELTS.

South Classis of Long Island.—Your Committee on the Minutes of the South Classis of Long Island report that the minutes have been examined and are correctly and neatly kept.

H. HAGEMAN,
H. B. ROSA.

Classis of New York.—The minutes of Classis of New York have been examined. We find them neatly kept. We beg leave to call the attention of Particular Synod to the fact that minutes of several Churches have

not been presented to Classis for some years (Article 6, Section 8,) and recommend that the attention of all Classes be called to this omission.

WM. P. BRUCE,
ABRAHAM M. HASBROUCK.

Classis of Orange.—Your Committee having examined the minutes of the Classis of Orange finds them correct.

N. DE VRIES.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie would report that the minutes have been examined and found correct.

J. BROWNLEE VOORHEES,
JOHN VAN WAGENEN.

Classis of Westchester.—The Committee have examined the minutes of the Classis of Westchester and find them to be correct.

REV. W. E. COMPTON,
CHARLES A. MAPES, Elder.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

The Committee reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business begs to report as follows:

The following papers were submitted.

1. A communication from the Chairman of the Congregational Committee on Federation asks for the appointment of a Committee to confer with similar Committees of Congregational, Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist

Churches for the formation of an interdenominational federation of the Evangelical Churches in this State.

Your Committee recommends the appointment of such a Committee.

On motion it was

Resolved, That this Committee be appointed by the President, and that the President be Chairman of the Committee.

In addition the President appointed on the Committee the Revs. E. C. Oggel and H. De Vries.

2. An overture from the North Classis of Long Island for a renewal of its request of last year for the appointment of Synodical Superintendent, as follows:

To the Particular Synod of New York:

This certifies that the North Classis of Long Island at its spring session held April 17th, 1900, *Resolved,* That Classis renew the overture made to the Particular Synod last year in regard to the selection of localities for the establishment of Churches and which is as follows:

Resolved, That this Classis overture the Particular Synod of New York to take action for the appointment of a Synodical Superintendent, who shall take the oversight of the field comprised in the territory occupied by the Classes composing the Synod, but particularly the Classes of North and South Long Island, New York and Westchester, with a view to the selection and occupancy of such localities for work as give promise of success, and the establishment of Churches, and generally to supervise denominational interests in the direction of expansion and growth."

Attest : W. H. TEN EYCK, *Stated Clerk.*

April 17th, 1900.

Your Committee recommends that the matter be referred to the Boaord of Domestic Missions with our approval and an assurance that should the Board see fit to appoint the superintendent asked for the Particular Synod

of New York will assume responsibility for his salary for a term of three years providing it does not exceed $1000 per annum.

3. A complaint from a member of the North Classis of Long Island complaining of a certain action of said Classis.

The action of Classis complained of was taken at the fall meeting of Classis, held October 17, 1899. No notice was given then that complaint would be made against this action, nor was any notice sent to the President of such intention, nor was any statement made of any such intention until the spring meeting of Classis held April 17, 1900, six months later than the taking of the action.

From this it appears that the complaint comes before the Synod in an irregular way, without taking the preliminary steps provided by the Constitution.

Your Committe decides, therefore, that the complaint falls for lack of regularity.

J. M. FARRAR,
HENRY DE VRIES.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Reported on by the Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon after the organization was passed in devotional exercises, led by the Vice President.

The first half hour of the Wednesday morning session was also spent in devotional exercises, led by the President.

The Bar of the House was fixed.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the evening of the first day, immediately after the Synodical Sermon. The form was read by the President of Synod.

The bread was administered by the Rev. Robert H. Beattie and the cup by the Rev. Henry De Vries.

The element of the bread was distributed by the Elders J. L. Tremper, A. M. Hasbrouck and Henry Feltz; and that of the wine by the Elders N. B. Hunter, John Van Wagenen and C. A. Mapes.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the President appoint a Committee of Arrangements, of which the Pastor of the Church shall be a member, to fix the hours of meeting and adjournment of the sessions of this Synod, and of the religious exercises; to select those who shall assist at the services connected with the Synodical sermon; to appoint the ministers and elders who are to administer and distribute the elements at the Lord's Supper, and to set the time for the reading of the papers and the hearing of the representatives of the Boards of the Church.

The President appointed as such Committee the Revs. J. Howard Suydam, E. C. Oggel and Elder H. B. Rosa.

In accordance with their report, which was accepted and adopted, the services were conducted on Tuesday evening, as recorded; the representatives of the Boards and the readers of the paper were heard, as recorded; and the sessions and services began and adjourned at the hours fixed therefor.

On motion it was

Resolved, That Prof. J. Preston Searle, D. D., of the Theological Seminary of New Brunswick N. J., be received and recognized on the floor of this Synod as the representative of the Board of Foreign Missions.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Rev. George D. Hulst, Ph. D., of the North Classis of Long Island, be received and recognized as the Commissioner of said Classis in the complaint before Synod.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Rev. C. A. Traver of the Lutheran Church,, of Churchtown,, and F. B. Seeley, of the Fair Street Reformed Church, of Kingston, be received and recognized as corresponding members upon the floor of this Synod.

At the Wednesday morning session the Rev. J. G. Van Slyke, D. D., was heard on behalf of Domestic Missions, and the Rev. Prof. J. Preston Searle, D. D., on behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions, the members of Synod rising to receive the Professor.

The Rev. John G. Gebhard, Secretary of the Board of Education, was also invited to address the Synod in the interest of said Board.

The President called upon Revs. James Hunter and J. B. Voorhees to lead Synod in prayer for a blessing on the Boards represented, and upon the Theological Seminaries of our Church.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered to the representatives of the Boards of Domestic and Foreign Missions, and of Education, for their instructive and impressive addresses.

A paper was read by the Rev. John Baumeister on "The Scholarship of the Preacher," and one by the Rev. Robert H. Beattie on "Imperial Christianity a Present Day Tendency."

On motion it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be extended to the readers of these papers for the eloquent and learned presentation of the topics discussed.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Rev. J. Howard Suydam be a Committee of one to devise means by which the papers read before Synod can be preserved and more generally enjoyed than by a hearing in Synod.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations be requested to select persons for reading papers at the next regular meeting of this Synod.

The Committee recommended that the following be appointed to read papers on subjects of their own selection, at the next annual meeting of Synod: Revs. D. Sage Mackay, D. D., Primarius; Wm. P. Bruce, Secundus; Revs. Thomas H. Mackenzie, Primarius, and Edgar Tilton, Secundus.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to procure the printing of 300 copies of the Minutes of this session of Synod.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the members of this Particular Synod appreciate very highly the kindly hospitality of this ancient Church, and while cordially thanking the esteemed

Pastor and his beloved helpers in Christ for their attentions to our welcome and welfare, assure them of our prayerful interest, kindled by this pleasant fellowship.

ARTICLE XX.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer presented the following account, which was referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts, and their report, which was accepted and adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts report:

That they have examined the Treasurer's accounts with the vouchers, and find them to be correct; and that there is a balance due the Synod of One hundred and ninety-seven dollars and seventy-two cents ($197.72) in the Treasury.

N. PEARSE, *Chairman*...

Dr. PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, IN ACCOUNT WITH THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, TREASURER. Cr.

1899 May 24.	To Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, D.D., for stationery	$ 69		1899 May 4.	By Cash balance from old account	$ 97 40	
"	" paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, D.D., for envelopes and postage	3 40		June 29	" from R. M. Shepard, Esq., Treas. Classis of Hudson	28 00	
"	" paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, D.D., for telegram to Particular Synod of New Brunswick, N. J.	1 12		Oct. 16.	" from Rev. Herman Hageman, Treas. Classis of Kingston	38 00	
"	" paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, D.D., for traveling expenses of Vice-President	2 75		Oct. 23.	" from H. L. Garrison, Esq., Treas. Classis of Westchester	31 00	
"	" paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, D.D., for traveling expenses of Reader of "Paper"	2 75		Nov. 7	" from Rev. John S. Gardner, Treas. South Classis Long Island	55 00	
"	" paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, D.D., for amount paid doorkeeper at Walden, New York	5 00		Dec. 14.	" from Rev. M.T. Conklin, Treas. Classis of Orange	53 00	
"	" paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, D.D., for traveling expenses of Stated Clerk	3 78		1900 Jan. 1.	" from Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D. D., Treas. Classis of Poughkeepsie	28 00	
	" paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt., D.D., for salary as Stated Clerk for year ending May 1, 1900	100 00		M'ch. 5.	" from Rev. Hasbrouck DuBois, Treas. Classis of New York	65 00	
June 24.	" paid Board of Publication, R. C. A., on account bill for printing 300 copies minutes of 1899	50 00		Apr. 14.	" from Herman H. Shook, Esq., Treas. North Classis Long Island	59 00	
Dec. 14.	" paid Board of Publication, R. C. A., for balance bill for printing minutes of 1899	87 19					
1900 May 1.	" Balance due Synod to new acct	197 72					
		$454 40				$454 40	

E. E. New York, May 1, 1900.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Treasurer.*

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Arcot.

Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D. D., M. D.,
Rev. Lewis R. Scudder, M. D.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Jonah W. Vaughan,	Elder Peter F. Palts,
" George H. Burrill,	" Joseph Shutts
Rev. Edwin T. Corwin, D. D.,	" Alexander Gaddie.

SECUNDI.

Rev. F. V. Van Vranken,	Elder S. F. Elting,
" F. K. Schild,	" Thomas Miller,
" Chalmers P. Dyke,	" W. H. Coons.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. A. H. Schlieder,	Elder Thomas Merritt,
" F. B. Seeley,	" Peter Osterhout,
" Thomas F. Baylis,	" J. P. Le Fever.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Calvin E. Lasher,	Elder Charles Clearwater,
" Herman Hageman,	" Thomas Snyder,
" Samuel T. Searle,	" J. L. Shultz.

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. H. Ten Eyck, D. D.	Elder David Springsteen,
" Ernest Gutweiler,	" A. Waldmuller,
" George D. Hulst, Ph.D.,	" Elias J. Hendrickson,
" Lewis Francis, D. D.,	" William Boyd,
" James Demarest, D. D.,	" Silas D. Wright.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Daniel P. Doyle,	Elder Olof Johnson,
" Rockwell H. Potter,	" David Master,
" John C. Guenther,	" Herman Otto,
" Wm. H. Jackson,	" Peter Peterson,
" A. G. F. Bender.	" William Scheld.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. C. L. Wells, D D.,	Elder W. H. Allgeo,
" J. Douglass Adam,	" G. S. Konwenhoven,
" John E. Lloyd,	" John V. Van Pelt,
" Daniel Rapalje,	" Ditmas Jewell.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. DeWitt Mason,	Elder Jeremiah Lott,
" Nicholas Pearse,	" Jesse Woodhull,
" W. J. H. Boetcker,	" George W. Pool,
" J. L. Zabriskie,	" A. T. Lumby.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D. D.,	Elder W. F. Lawton,
" Jacob Ganss,	" J. D. Shipman,
" Charles B. Chapin, D. D.,	" John S. Bussing,
" James C. Stout,	" Hubert Van Wagenen.

SECUNDI.

Rev. William Vaughan,	Elder A. F. Heal,
" A. E. Kittredge, D. D.,	" J. A. Briggs,
" John G. Fagg,	" Ephraim Cutter, M. D.,
" Alfred H. Demarest,	" William N. Clark.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Benj. F. Statesir,	Elder J. A. Smith,
" W. W. Schomp,	" Jonas DuBois,
" C. H. Whittaker,	" E. F. Peters,
" Marion T. Conklin,	" Hugh Dick.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. A. Thurston,	Elder J. J. Sherwood,
" J. C. Forbes,	" S. H. Gariss,
" F. W. Ruhl,	" W. E. Weyrauch,
" E. C. Moffet,	" A. S. Decker.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Abel Huizinga, Ph.D.,	Elder Daniel R. Thompson.
" Joseph McIntyre,	" Jacob L. Tremper,
" A. P. Van Gieson, D. D.,	" Peter Adriance.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. Edward Lyall,	Elder R. S. Haight,
" W. A. Dumont,	" Nelson A. Wood,
" F. F. Wilson,	" Robert J. Haljin.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. C. H. Tyndal, Ph. D.,	Elder Isaac B. Lovett,
" W. S. C. Webster, D. D.	" Francis Bacon,
" T. Edward Inglis,	" C. B. Hufnagel.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Arthur F. Mabon,	Elder N. P. Hunter,
" Albert Kuiper,	" A. W. Newman,
" G. A. S. Goebel,	" Edwin Moore.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in regular annual session in the Reformed Church of New Paltz, N. Y., on the first Tuesday of May, 1901, at 3 o'clock p. m.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned, after prayer by the Vice President and the pronouncing of the Benediction by the President.

(*Signed,*)

DAVID J. BURRELL, *President.*
W. P. BRUCE, *Vice President.*

FRANK MALVEN,
HERMAN C. WEBER,
Temporary Clerks.

ATTEST:

DANIEL VAN PELT, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF THIS SYNOD SINCE THE RE ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTICULAR SYNODS, 1870–1900.

1870—Rev. M S. Hutton, D.D ....Yonkers.
1871—Rev. Goyn Talmage.....Flushing.
1872—Rev. E. P Rogers, D.D.....Rhinebeck.
1873—Rev. John A. Todd, D.D .. ..Tarrytown (1st).
1874—Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D D..... ..Poughkeepsie (2d).
1875—Rev. John McC. Holmes, D.D.....Brooklyn (1st).
1876—Rev. David Inglis, D.D.....Port Jervis.
1877—Rev. Joachim Elmendorf.....Yonkers.
1878—Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D D.....Newburgh.
1879—Rev. Charles I. Shepard .....Greenpoint.
1880—Rev. William Ormiston, D D ..... Mount Vernon.
1881—Rev. David Cole, D D.....Montgomery.
1882—Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck.....Jamaica, L. I.
1883—Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D.....Brighton Heights, S. I.
1884—Rev. David N. Vanderveer..... New York (South).
1885—Rev Herman C. Berg. .....Yonkers.
1886—Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.....Newburgh.
1887—Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D D., M D..Claverack.
1888—Rev. William H. Gleason, D D.....Kingston.
1889—Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D.....Poughkeepsie (1st).
1890—Rev. Lewis Francis.... ....N. Y. City (48th St. Col.).
1891—Rev. James Demarest, D D .....Tarrytown (1st).
1892—Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye, D.D.....Brooklyn (S. Bushwick).
1893—Rev John L McNair..... .....N.Y.C'y (Bloomingdale).
1894—Rev. Ame Vennema. .....New Utrecht, L. I.
1895—Rev. Charles W. Fritts, D.D.... ....Fishkill, N. Y.
1896—Rev. Ferdinand S. Schenck, D.D....Yonkers, N. Y
1897—Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D D .....Jamaica, L. I.
1898—Rev Alfred H Brush D.D. ... .Fishkill-on-Hudson.
1899—Rev Herman Hageman.....Walden.
1900—Rev David J. Burrell, D.D. ... .Rhinebeck.

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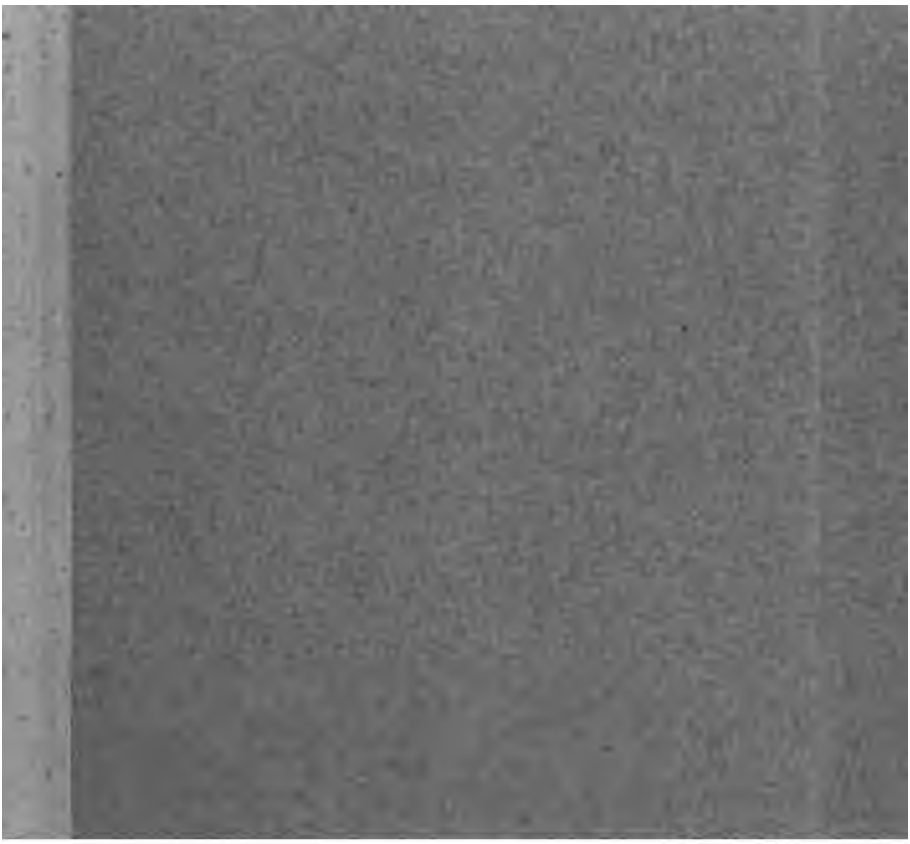

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Classis of Kingston.—Ministers—Herman Hageman, J. L. Mac Nair, E. C. Oggel, D. D., F. B. Seeley. *Elders*—Hugh Donohue, I. O. Merrihew, N. Van Wagenen.

North Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—Alexander Shaw, F. Stoebener. *Elders*—A. H. Schlesinger, Henry Feil.

South Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—C. L. Wells, D. D., B. E. Dickhaut, A. D. W. Mason, C. S. Wyckoff. *Elder*—P. L. Cortelyou.

Classis of New York.—Ministers—Andrew Hageman, C. B. Chapin, D. D., A. Lloyd. *Elders*—E. B. Horton, A. P. Garrabrant, W. P. Glenney.

Classis of Orange.—Ministers—Herman C. Berg, D. D., J. F. Berg, Ph. D., J. L. Stillwell, T. H. MacKenzie. *Elder*—Abner Shafer.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Ministers—David M. Hunter, E. A. McCullum, A. P. Van Geison, D. D., C. W. Fritts, D. D.

Classis of Westchester.—Ministers—A. Kuyper, William P. Bruce, O. L. Sigafoos. *Elders*—N. B. Hunter, Edwin Moore.

ARTICLE III.

The Rev. William P. Bruce was elected President, and the Rev Andrew Hageman was elected Vice President. The Revs. C. S. Wyckoff and D. M. Hunter were elected Temporarary Clerks. The Rev. H. Hageman was elected Stated Clerk in place of Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, D. D., deceased.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUESTS.

The minutes of the session of 1900 were read. The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order was suspended by unanimous consent.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were the Standing Committees:

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES—*Ministers*—E. A McCullum, C. E. Corwin, J. L. MacNair. *Elders*—H. Donahue, G. M. Harder.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.—*Arcot*— ——— ———. *Hudson*—Rev. F. Stoebener. *Elder*—N. Van Wagenen. *Kingston*—Rev. C. B. Chapin. *Elder*—A. Shafer. *North Long Island*—Rev. J. F. Berg. *Elder*—N. F. Hunter. *South Long Island*—Rev. D. M. Hunter. *Elder*—E. Moore. *New York*—Rev. C. W. Fritts. *Elder*—P. L. Cortelyou. *Orange.*—Rev. F. V. Van Vranken. *Elder*—A. Piester. *Poughkeepsie*—Rev. F. K. Shield. *Elder*—A. P. Garrabrant. *Westchester*—Rev. F. H. MacKenzie. *Elder*—A. H. Schlesinger.

ON CLASSICAL REPORTS AND STATE OF RELIGION.—*Ministers*—B. E. Dickhaut, J. F. Berg, J. L. Stillwell. *Elders*—A. P. Garrabrant, P. L. Cortelyou.

ON TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS—*Ministers*—A. D. W. Mason, C. S. Wyckoff, Alexander Shaw. *Elders*—Thomas Miller, I. O. Merrihew.

ON OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—*Ministers*—H. C. Berg, C. W. Fritts, C. L. Wells. *Elders*—E. Moore, Abner Shafer.

ON NOMINATIONS.—*Ministers*—F. B. Seeley, T. H. MacKenzie, Charles Park. *Elders*—W. P. Glenney, Henry Feil.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Classis of Westchester asking that the Synod transfer the church of Melrose of the Classis of Westchester, to the Classis of New York.

Referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

A communication from the Board of Foreign Missions informing the Synod that the Board had authorized the Rev. L. R. Scudder, M. D., to present the interests of said Board before this Synod, was read and referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

A communication from the Board of Education was read.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully report as follows:

There have been placed in our hands the Minutes of the General Synod and of the last Particular Synods of Chicago, New Brunswick and Albany. We find in looking over the minutes of the Synods nothing which calls for special action on the part of this Particular Synod. But in the minutes of the General Synod of 1900 we find special attention to Particular Synods in the way in which they are at present conducted. General Synod seems to think they are not accomplishing as much as they might, and therefore that body recommends that as far as possible the field of usefulness of the Particular Synod be extended by making it, in addition to its specific ecclesiastical purposes, more of a Conference in which all general church activities be represented, and that if such an idea were carried out it would do much to stimulate more interest in denominational work.

To this end the General Synod recommends that the Particular Synods be requested to appoint annually a Standing Committee of five, of which the President shall be Chairman and the Stated Clerk the Secretary, to arrange plans for holding at the succeeding meeting a public meeting in connection with the regular work of the Synod, at which representatives from our Seminaries and Colleges shall be invited to speak, and that in addition to the regular presentation of the educational and misssionary work, which should include the Women's Departments, representatives from Christian Endeavor Societies, and from the

Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, be heard. See minutes of General Synod, page 841.

With such a public meeting, well advertised in the region where the Synod is to meet, the convening of a Particular Synod would be looked forward to with general interest, not only by the local church in which the Synod is to be held, but by all in the vicinity.

Therefore, to increase the interest and effectiveness of our Particular Synod, and to give it more fully the place it was designed to occupy in our denominational system, the "superintendence" (assigned to it in the constitution) over the spiritual interests and concerns of the several classes within its bounds, is of the utmost importance, and should be carried out, not as a matter of routine or formal report, but in the spirit of mutual helpfulness and desire for the spiritual growth and prosperity of each and all. And your Committee earnestly calls the attention of this Synod to this matter, urged upon us by the General Synods of 1899 and 1900. In view of the foregoing your Committee recommends the devising of means to this end as suggested and recommended by General Synod.

E. A. McCULLUM, *Chairman.*

In accordance with the above report the President appointed as additional members of the Standing Committee for the public meeting for next year, Revs. F. B. Seeley, Charles Park and D. M. Hunter.

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago, and New Brunswick, were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on Classical Reports on the State of Religion, reported, which was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on Classical Reports on the State of Religion would report that the following papers have been placed in their hands, viz:

1. The statistical statements from each of the nine Classes composing this Synod.

2. The reports of the Classical Committees on the State of Religion.

3. A tabulated summary of the statistics for the entire Synod.

Your Committee has given careful consideration to the facts contained in the papers and compared them with the reports of last year,—the only report available at this time. Reviewing the field as a whole, we feel that there is great cause for gratitude in the evidences of spiritual life and growth as seen in certain classes. We find that the Synod registers 2 more churches, 7 more ministers, 1,474 more families than last year; that the offerings for congregational purposes are $34,473 in excess of 1900. and those for "other" benevolent objects are $2,235 in advance of those of the same period.

We regret however to report that with this large increase in the number of families, only 140 more than last year should have been received into the

church on confession, and 101 less by certificate. Allowing for dismissions, suspensions and deaths, the net growth in the membership within the bounds of this Particular Synod is but 230. Not a very encouraging showing.

We note further that during the year there has been a loss of 7 Sabbath Schools with a decrease in membership of 213 scholars. The falling off in Sabbath School enrollment has been chiefly in the rural charges, while the city schools have increased in membership,—the Classis of New York being the exception.

Also the amount contributed for denominational benevolence was $13,200 more last year than this. Your Committee would respectfully raise the query whether in the light of the increase of gifts for congregational and "other" benevolent objects, loyalty to our own denomination would not demand a corresponding increase in denominational benevolence.

The least encouraging report comes from the Classis of Kingston, where there has been a falling-off in every item on the list, save Infants baptized, Baptized non-Communicants, Catechumens and benevolence. It may be that there are local conditions which would account for this in part; but, if there are, none such are indicated in the report.

Your Committee would call attention to the fact, that in violation of the distinct direction of the General Synod, so many of the churches furnish only the statistical tables to the Classical Committees on the State of Religion.

We would suggest that hereafter, in justice to churches and classes as well as the denomination, the Synodical Committee on the State of Religion be requested, in making up its report, to compare the statistics with those of a period of years, say 5 years

back,—instead of with the one year previous, as has hitherto been the custom.

We would also recommend that hereafter the President of the Particular Synod be ex-officio Chairman of the Committee on the State of Religion, and that all the Classical Reports on the State of Religion be forwarded to him at least ten days before the meeting of Particular Synod.

We append herewith the Classical Reports and the statistical tables.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

BENJ. E. DICKHAUT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

1900.

The number of Churches and Pastors remains the same as last year—24 and 15 relatively.

Some 250 more families are recorded than last year.

The very encouraging fact is recorded that 229 have been received into full communion by confession of faith, while the total increase of communicants is 132, there having been a large number of removals.

Three hundred and seventy-two adults and 606 children have been baptized during the year, there being a net increase of 571 under this head.

Four hundred and nineteen adults and 547 children have been received as Catechumens, there being this year a net increase of 51.

The Christian community has risen from 8,932 to 9,686—a gain of 754.

Despite the hard times of the past year, Vellore, Tindivanam and Palmaner report increase over last year in native contributions. Chittoor also reports more rupees raised though it is not an increase over last year when the size of the Christian community is considered. Ranipettai and Coonoor have given less. Madanapalle reports less rupees, but has really raised more in proportion to the size of the Christian community.

The Sunday School work is well maintained. There are 157 schools with 4,743 scholars. It is worthy of note that over half the pupils, or 2,727, are non-Christians. This is a magnificent opportunity. The truth wisely and faithfully taught these heathen youths is bound to make its mark on the generation.

L. B. CHAMBERLAIN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

A review of the classical situation is stimulating; encouraging progress has been made in missionary gifts, creating the hope that we may yet fulfill the missionary apportionments alloted to us by General Synod.

There has been an increase in the number of families and a marked advance in the number received upon confession. The certificate additions are one more than last year, while the communicant membership is almost two score more than a year ago. One of the most hopeful signs of the times in this Classis is that the Churches are adding to their sense of individual responsibility for our denominational missionary enterprises at home and abroad as their gifts indicate. Let us hope and pray that under the sacrificial example of our Lord, and guided by His spirit, the Churches may

be led to honor the Lord with their substance in greater and growing measure.

Claverack.—This Church reports a marked increase in her benevolences, the total being the largest in seven years. The Memorial Chapel has been repainted, the sessions of the Sunday School have been exceptionally well supported, the home department is still maintained. The women of the Aid and Missionary Societies have been largely influential in increasing the benevolent gifts of the Church.

Gallatin.—With sincere gratitude to God, this Church reports a large addition to its membership upon confession of Faith in the year just closed. An increase in the spirituality of the congregation is generally manifest, and the willing mind is one of the special reasons for thanksgiving. The usual services have been maintained and the new pastorate, which began in May, 1900, has already borne fruit. In material things Gallatin reports extensive repairs to the Church property, and the successful adoption of the envelope system.

Germantown—Has experienced a trying time in the past year, but at the close is glad to report a happy condition of its affairs, the internal differences have been settled, a new pastor has been installed, and the congregation has entered upon a period of peace and work. Parochial affairs are tranquil and harmonious and the situation is encouraging. The public worship is well sustained, and the attendance at Prayer Meeting, and the interest manifested in all the auxiliaries are indications of progress and prosperity.

Greenport.—The loss by death of Elder Edward R. Pindar has caused heartfelt sorrow in this congregation. He was faithful and devoted to her interests. We gladly bear record to his worth as a good servant

of Christ. An improved financial condition is reported, and an increase in benevolences.

Hudson Church sends statistics which indicate the usual gifts to causes of benevolence within and beyond the denominational limits.

Linlithgo.—The Linlithgo Church has been without a pastor since the resignation of the Rev. J. W. Vaughan, last Autumn, but has called as his successor, the Rev. E. W. Greene of the Classis of Monmouth, and hopes soon to complete the pastoral relation by his installation.

Livingston.—This church reports increased interest in missions and growth in contributions. Faithful work has been done in the Sunday School and in the Christian Endeavor Society, and an ingathering is looked for during the coming year. We recognize this year's effort as in many ways preparatory.

Mellenville.—Quiet sustained effort has characterized the past year in the life of this Church. The Women's Home Circle has improved the Church and Manse with a new coat of paint. The morning attendance is almost uniform, the variations are in the evening, and the audiences are best during the summer months. Catechetical instruction has been resumed by monthly recitations in "The First Lessons in Christian Faith." Special services were held with the assistance of an evangelist, and the results were encouraging, if inconspicuous. A slight gain in Christian giving is reported. Offerings are now made directly to the various boards instead of the method heretofore in use of appropriating these gifts from a general missionary fund.

Philmont.—The ninth annual report of the Philmont Church is given with sincere gratitude to the divine Master for His blessing upon the work. While

the attendance in our Sabbath School has decreased, there has been no decline in its efficiency. Union meetings were maintained for some weeks with the M. E. Church of the village. Philmont also reports an increase in her benevolences, and the extinction of the debt upon her parsonage. This removes all encumbrance from the Church property.

Upper Red Hook.—The usual services of public worship have been observed, except when the severe weather prevented. The year has been one of quiet growth and spiritual profit. The request is made by the Church at Upper Red Hook, that Classis provide an evening service to be an annual feature of the Spring meeting, urging the benefit spiritual and social to be derived from this additional opportunity for fellowship between the delegates and the local congregation.

West Copake.—The Church of West Copake has suffered heavy losses by death and removal and is therefore not as strong, either numerically or financially, as it was last year.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. J. W. Vaughan and the Livingston church was dissolved Oct. 25, 1900.

The Rev. Edgar I. McCulley was received from the Classis of Rensselaer September 18, 1900, and was installed Pastor of the Germantown church, October 9, 1900.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. C. P. Dyke and the Germantown church was terminated, and Mr. Dyke was dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery, May 25, 1900.

The Rev. A. Judson Walter was received as a

Licentiate from the Classis of New Brunswick, and was ordained and installed Pastor of the Gallatin church, May 25, 1900.

The Rev. E. T. Corwin, D. D., was dismissed to the Classis of New Brunswick.

CHARLES PARK, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

Committee on the State of Religion, Classis of Kingston, reports as follows:

The churches have all reported, but a few so incomplete that only partial statistics and comparisons are able to be presented.

There is a decrease in every item of report from that of one year ago, with the exception of baptized non-communicants and contributions to benevolent objects other than denominational. It is humiliating to report that some of the churches that gave nothing to denominational Boards have given largely to other objects.

The number of accessions to the church on confession of faith and baptism of adults has decreased 75 per cent.

Yet there are features which form a basis for encouragement that the next year will show a forward movement.

1. That permanent good will result from the labors of Evangelists Yatman and Vinal in a number of the churches.

2. That the per cent. of difference between denominational and congregational contributions is gradually diminishing.

3. That Consistories are awakening to the increased worldliness among church members and that

the faithful in the church are attempting more than ever before to set an example of vigorous Christian life in order to raise the standard of consecration.

4. The indications are for a more prosperous year among the farming people whose income was materially lessened because of the harmful droughts of the past two years.

Bloomingdale.—Hundreds of persons were compelled to leave this community because of the closing of the cement concerns. This change is seriously felt by the Church. The spiritual condition remains as heretefore, new members being received at each communion.

The Clove.—The routine of church work has been carried on with usual regularity. There is lament over the death of some loyal church members and the removal of others from the bounds of the congregation. Sadder still the plaint arises because of the lack of thorough consecration in the hearts of confessing Christians, and because of increased worldliness among the unsaved. The Holy Spirit is invoked to be present with power, the coming year.

Dashville Falls.—The work of the supply, W. W. Whitney, is most acceptable. All organizations cooperating in support of the religious services and the maintenance of the church temporal. The Week of Prayer resulted in reviving the spiritual life of the people.

Gardiner.—The material and spiritual work has progressed steadily.

Guilford.—Sickness, more than usually prevalent, prevented the customary regular attendance of the congregation at all services, though in no wise lessening the gratitude for temporal prosperity and spiritual blessing that have been added this year.

Hurley—By the attendance on all gatherings of the church and the encouraging financial report, viz: that all denominational Boards have been contributed to and all classical apportionments exceeded, and that through the regular channels, we are convinced that there is real Christianity among us, and that all the Church agencies are being maintained at a high level of efficiency.

Kingston, Fair Street.—Both people and minister enter with mutual confidence and happy hearts upon the fourth year of their labors, cheered by the result of the past to attempt greater things in the future. Instances of self-denial for the cause of Missions are recorded and also the awakening of Christian life and obligation through the efforts of Evangelist Yatman.

Krumville.—The regular work of candidate Eugene Keator of Rosendale, and Evangelist F. A. Vinal has resulted in additions to the church.

Lyonsville, *Marbletown* and *North Marbletown*, statistics only.

New Paltz.—Divine ordinances have been observed, Heidelburgh Catachism explained, all Boards have been contributed to, appeals from suffering humanity beyond our Dutch Church borders, answered. The societies of the Church, especially the Woman's Society, retain their high place as aids to the church. There have been inconsistencies among the church membership, not to the extent to call for disciplining but Christ is not being honored by their inner life.

Rochester.—That the spiritual condition is advancing is manifested by the willingness on the part of members to assume their Christian obligations. The church wishes to add her testimony to the power of Evangelist Rev. F. A. Vinal, who labored there for two weeks, becoming instrumental in the conversion of 18 souls.

Rosendale.—There has been no advance in church work, and especially humiliating is it to report no contribution to our denominational Boards. Plans are under way to remove this state of affairs. Trust in God, faith in possibilities, honesty of purpose, sincerity of conviction is to bring about this new era.

Rosendale Plains.—This church is substantially developing, owing to her eagerness to listen to the Word of God and readiness to assume the responsibilities taught therein. A number have expressed their desire to unite with the church as result of special services held during the winter.

St. Remy.—Scarlet fever prevented the regular and continued work of the church during the past two months; a full report is therefore not available.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Rev. Henry Van Haagen was received from the Classis of Paramus and installed over the churches at Rosendale and Rosendale Plains, Nov. 9, 1900.

The resignation of Rev. George Davis, Minister of the Church at Stone Ridge, was acccepted Jan. 14, 1901.

We report the complete destruction of the North Marbletown Church, the calamity leaving the community without an edifice for worship. Plans are being considered for the speedy construction of a new church.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT SCHLIEDER, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION ON THE NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND, FOR 1901.

Your Committee would respectfully report:

1. That it has received statistical statements from all the churches of Classis, save the German Evangelical Church, Brooklyn, New Hyde Park, and East Williamsburgh.

2 That while individual churches show an increase over last year in additions to membership, and in the offerings of benevolence, the Classis, as a whole, seems to have fallen behind last year's record in the last respect.

3. That Classis has sustained in the death of the Rev. George D. Hulst, Ph. D., Nov. 5, 1900, an irreparable loss, the greatness of which will be emphasized as time passes, and as we come to realize more fully what a great and good man he was.

Jamaica reports one of the most prosperous years in its history. Pews nearly all let, morning congregations increased in size, evening audiences more than doubled, benevolences multiplied by two and the sum of $2,500 given by its people toward paying for the improvements now being made.

Newtown reports presence of the Holy Spirit manifested in unusually large numbers received on confession, a larger number being received at Easter Communion than at any time in half a century. In temporal affairs a gain is noted over last year. The Winfield Mission grows in usefulness and the future looked to with great expectations.

Oyster Bay reports a revised list of families and a

far reaching revival which has added many to the church.

North Hempstead reports the receipt of a considerable legacy, the income of which is to be used in the payment of salaries and current expenses, and we also note with pleasure that it reports its pastor "at his post" again after a long illness.

Williamsburgh reports that it is trying to solve the problem of a large and aggressive work on a small capital, in a section of the city that is passing through a transitional period, and it congratulates itself on the success it is meeting with, despite the multiplicity of churches and the avalanches of boarding houses with which the neighborhood is blessed.

Astoria confines herself to facts and with Spartan simplicity declares "this year we have cleared up all our debts."

Flushing reports that it has called to its pastorate the Rev. James Ramsey Swain, and that its people are looking forward to the future with great expectations.

Kent Street, Brooklyn reports that the hour of the second service has been changed to 4 o'clock, with the result of enlarged congregations. Its Sunday Schools have increased in membership. Its mission is in a flourishing condition and maintains itself better than in any previous year, and that a dispensary, open three afternoons of each week, adds greatly to its usefulness.

South Basharck reports that it is trying to honor the memory of the Rev. George D. Hulst, Ph. D., who died Nov. 5, 1900, by carrying on with his enthusiasm and in his spirit the work he inaugurated and carried on so long and so well, and that it has unani-

mously chosen as his successor in the pastorate, the Rev. Edward Niles.

Second Astoria reports that the past year has been a memorable one, that the services have been well sustained, that a pipe organ has been procured, an organ chamber built, heaters purchased, and church and parsonage painted. It laments the death of Elder John D. Gerken, and that of Elder Jacob H. Rott, who for the past 30 years were most efficient and earnest workers in the organization.

East Williamsburg—No report.

Queens reports a slight increase in accession over last year, and an increase of $60 in benevolence, the decoration of its chapel, the holding of a men's banquet, and the inauguration of the envelope system supplemental to pew rents.

German Evangelical, Brooklyn—No report.

Sayville reports better attendance on Sunday services, and that its Sunday School has trebled its membership.

Locust Valley—Only statistical table.

College Point reports an increase in the Sunday evening attendance, and in the mid-week devotional meetings despite a large number of removals during the past year, and that the Sunday School is larger than ever before.

First, Long Island City, reports an increase all along the line toward the ideal condition, that improvements have been made, a mortgage of $400 on the parsonage paid, and that the church has now become self-supporting.

Bushwick reports that the work is going on very well with her, despite the transitional character of the field in which it is located, and that the Sunday School and the Christian Endeavor Society are in a particularly flourishing condition.

German Evangelical, Jamaica, reports that the church services are attended better than ever, and that the church is growing, despite the fact that a German Presbyterian and a German Lutheran church have been organized in the community; that a Junior Young People's Society has been organized with 26 members, and that the young people of the church are working earnestly to buy a new pipe organ.

Hicksville reports a superfluity of churches and an interdenominational struggle for existence, in which it is managing to even more than hold its own.

Second, Newtown, reports a large addition to its membership, by confession, and that its condition spiritually is particularly encouraging.

Steinway—No report.

Church of Jesus, Brooklyn, reports congregation in a satisfactory condition, an accession of 27 members on confession of faith, and that a building fund has been started for the erection of a new church.

New Hyde Park—No report.

Sunnyside, Long Island City, reports that the past year has been the most successful in its brief history. Special meetings were held at the beginning of the year, and much good was accomplished by them.

The following further ministerial changes have taken place:

The Licentiate, Gustavus Watermueletter, was received by certficate from the Classis of Pleasant Prairie, July 30, 1900, and ordained and installed pastor of the Reformed Church of Oyster Bay, Sept. 12, 1900.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. William H. Jackson and the Reformed Church of Bushwick, was dissolved on Oct. 16, 1900.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. R. Harmon Potter and the Reformed Church of Flushing, was dissolved on July 30, 1900, and he was dismissed to the Hartford Ministerial Association.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. John C. Guenther and the German Evangelical Church of Williamsburgh, was dissolved July 30, 1900.

The Rev. Elbert S. Schilstra was received by certificate from the Classis of Holland, and installed pastor of the Reformed Church of Sayville, Sept. 20, 1900.

The Rev. George G. Wacker was received by certificate from the Presbytery of Newark, N. J., and installed pastor of the German Evangelical Church of Williamsburg, on Nov. 7, 1900.

The Rev. James C. Hume was received by certificate from the Presbytery of New York, and installed pastor of the Reformed Church of Bushwick, on Dec. 6, 1900.

The Rev. Edward Niles was received by certificate from the Classis of New York, April 16, 1901, and arrangements made for his installation as pastor of the Reformed Church of South Bushwick, on May 9, 1901.

The Rev. James R. Swain presented his letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Monmouth, N. J., April 16, 1901, and arrangements made for his installation as pastor of the Reformed Church of Flushing, if the way be clear, on May 27, 1901.

The Rev. David E. VanGieson, at his own request, was dropped from the roll of Classis.

The following churches are at present without pastors: East Williamsburg, Locust Valley, and New Hyde Park.

R. K. WICK, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee on the State of Religion for the South Classis of Long Island beg leave to present the following report:

Consistorial reports from all the churches have been received, and the results are about the same as they were a year ago

In comparing the yearly reports we find that the work done has not been spasmodic and superficial, but steady and thorough, and with the blessing of God, of such a character as secures in the end the most abundant harvest.

The First Reformed.—Statistical report only.

Flatbush and Grace Chapel.—The services of the church have been well attended and the gospel as presented by our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Wells, has been listened to with marked attention. The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition, and the Consistory is considering the necessity of making an addition to our Sunday School Chapel. Grace Church reports an increasing attendance at the morning services, and doubled contributions for missions, over those of last year.

New Utrecht.—The duties of church life through the year just closing have been met with cheerfulness and in faith. Interest in religious services, and in the aims of various church organizations, has not been wanting, and the desire with many to see this largely increased, affords encouragement for the future.

Gravesend.—The work of the year has been prosecuted with vigor and success in all its departments. Christian unity, financial prosperity, a great deal of interest in Sunday School work, and good congregations waiting upon the means of Grace, is our report for the year.

Flatlands.—The Church of Flatlands rejoices that for another year the blessing of God has rested upon it. On account of the growth of the Word, the opportunities for usefulness of the church are largely increased.

New Lots.—All the different branches of Church work have been maintained during the past year. The Sabbath School and Y. P. S. C. E., and Junior C. E., are in a flourishing condition. We are still suffering the loss of old families by removals to other parts of the country.

East New York.—Statistical report only.

South Brooklyn.—Reports growth, in interest and numbers in the Sabbath School, and in the mid week prayer service of the congregation. The three months just closed have witnessed a deeper interest and consequently a larger average attendance at these services than ever before in the history of the church.

North Reformed.—In the early part of the winter Rev. Dr. Van Slyke left us. At the request of Consistory, Rev. James Demarest, D. D., took charge of the church on Jan. 20, 1901. There is a happy spirit among the people and a disposition to put forth renewed exertions in the effort of upbuilding and growth.

Church on Heights and *Bethany Chapel.*—Statistical reports only.

New Brooklyn reports a year of progress and prosperity. Financially, we were enabled not only to meet our obligations with a small balance left in the treasury, but we also managed to pay $800 of our church debt. There is an increased attendance at all the services. Two new societies have been organized.

Second, Flatbush.—Peace and harmony prevail in our midst. The spiritual condition of the church has improved. The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition. We again reduced the debt on the parsonage.

Canarsie.—Statistical report only.

Bedford.—Statistical report only.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., sends greeting to the Classis. All the departments of church work have run along quietly and smoothly. The audiences on the Sabbath still continue to be excellent, especially those of the evening. The Sabbath School is a center of interest and promise. Children's Day and Christmas were observed, with the prominent feature of raising the sum of $32.50 in aid of the Twentieth Century Missionary Forward Movement. The prospect of growth is small, but the church holds its own.

Ocean Hill reports that they have introduced the envelope system and are beginning to realize an appreciable improvement in moneys contributed for Congregational purposes. Their ambition is to become self-supporting as soon as possible.

Edgewood reports progress. Special effort during the year was the beginning made toward obtaining new building, $2,700 raised and about $1,400 pledged. Before another classical report is made we expect to be occupying a new $10,000 church.

Ridgewood reports an increase in the membership of the church. Also financial obligations have in every case been fully met. The spiritual condition is hopeful. The Sunday School is especially prosperous, and the Young People's Social Union is of very great help.

Greenwood Heights.—The church is about holding its own. Regular services have been held every Sabbath during the year, and the attendance has averaged well. The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition, in numbers taxing the capacity of the room.

Bay Ridge reports a prosperous and happy year not without marked spiritual blessings. In general our growth has exceeded our expectations. The can-

cellation of the floating debt and the necessity of creating a "waiting list" of those who wish to rent sittings, form a fair indication of the year's advance.

The German American, Reformed.—Statistical report only.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Rev. C. S. Wyckoff was received from the Classis of Saratoga on April 16, 1900, and is in charge of Grace Chapel.

Rev. J. G. Addy was received on Oct. 16, 1900, from the Presbytery of Newton, and is in charge of Bethany Chapel.

Mr. F. A. Seibert was received on Oct. 16, 1900, from the Classis of New Brunswick, and on Nov. 8 was ordained to the ministry and installed pastor of Ocean Hill Church.

July 1, 1900, the pastoral relation existing between the Twelfth Street Church and the Rev. John E. Lloyd was dissolved.

On Nov. 1, 1900, the Rev. John Ficken was released from the pastoral care of the church of Canarsie.

Rev. H. T. Jones was dismissed on Nov. 13, 1900, to the Classis of Raritan.

The Rev. Daniel Van Pelt died on Oct. 23, 1900, and the Rev. A. P. Stockwell on Nov. 21, 1900.

Respectfully submitted,

N. PEARSE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Your Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submits the following report :

Consistorial reports have been received from all the churches. In general they are of a very hopeful character. In some instances there is a more than ordinary cause for gratitude. Bethany Memorial and Mott Haven lead the way, of any single churches, in the number received on confession.

All the churches and missions in the Classis are now supplied with ministers and the regular preaching of the Word.

In comparing the Statistical Summary of this year with that of last year, we find that we have gained one organized church and one mission.

The total number of families reported as ministered to by this Classis is 1,027, more than reported last year. Eighty-nine more commnnicants were received this year than last, and this advance has been from those received on confession.

The total now in communion is 10,751, 435 more than reported last year.

In the matter of benevolence there is a decrease of nearly $10,000 in gifts reported for denominational objects, and an increase of nearly $5,000 for other objects. This is accounted for by a special gift last year of $10,000 for a denominational object.

For congregational purposes almost ten thousand dollars more has been contributed this year than last.

The following is a summary of these reports:

The Collegiate Church of New York reports a year marked by activity and prosperity in all the congregations. Large and appreciative audiences fill the appointed places of worship at both the morning and

evening services. Nine places of worship are maintained. Thirteen ordained ministers serve the Church besides large numbers of lay helpers and visitors. Never perhaps in the past has this church reached the masses and the classes as she is doing it now with a truthful, practical, helpful gospel. And men in all grades of society are receiving and enjoying it. The accessions to the membership are numerous, and the spirit of beneficence shows no diminution.

Harlem Collegiate gratefully reports another year of peace and prosperity. The statistics submitted prove, in the cheering numbers added to the Church and their growing liberality, that the Word preached has been received effectually.

The concluded first year of the pastorates of their junior pastors has shown that each is happily adapted to his charge, has ably met its onerous duties, edified the people and excited their hopes and expectations of the growing power and success of both.

South Church reports that the year has been generally prosperous, though with no *marked* advance in any direction.

Manor Chapel, South, sends statistical report only.

Staten Island (Port Richmond), sends statistics only.

Bloomingdale has settled a pastor during the year and is now being thoroughly reorganized for effective work. The report shows signs of renewed life and quickened activities. They hope to submit a better report in another year.

Madison Avenue sends statistical report only.

German Evangelical Mission has held the fort at Houston street. Although reduced in numbers and surrounded by a population next to impossible to win for Christ, yet it has not only maintained itself but

extended a helping hand to others. The blessings of the gospel have been enjoyed with unbroken peace and harmony. The outlook is not bright, yet they thank God and keep up courage.

Huguenot, S. I., reports little besides statistical table. Ten of the eleven members dismissed were given letters to organize the new church at Prince's Bay, S. I. This new church is at present under the charge of Mr. Junor.

Mott Haven reports a pleasant and prosperous year. Seventy-one have united with this Church, being the largest accession in a single year in the history of the Church. The kindliest Christian brotherhood exists and a deep appreciation of God's blessings.

Union, High Bridge, reports progress along all lines of work. The statistics show growth in membership and an increase in contributions for all purposes. There is in this church a very gratifying, healthful spiritual tone. Special efforts are now being made to enlarge the chapel, as the Sunday School has outgrown its present quarters.

Fourth German reports all the different branches of work in the congregation in a healthy and hopeful condition. The interest in the advancement of the kingdom of Christ, and in the various objects of benevolence, is on the increase. The uptown movement of the better class of Germans and the influx of the colored and Italian races, embarrass and hinder the outward growth of this Church.

Prospect Hill reports the death of their venerable pastor, Dr. Quackenbush, on August 24th last. For nearly forty years he had served this Church, to which he had dedicated his life. The real property of the Church at Park Avenue at Eighty-Ninth Street was sold in December last and the proceeds invested.

Preparations are now being made to reorganize and continue the services of the Church. Rev. H. M. Cox has been engaged as a stated supply, to take charge of this field. Services were resumed on Sunday last, April 14th, in the Chapel at Park Avenue and Eighty-Ninth Street, where the congregation will temporarily worship.

The German Church at Avenue B speaks of much cause to be thankful to God for His grace. The people are looking forward with good hopes.

Brighton Heights add no comment to its statistical report. But these figures indicate that the Church has doubled its gifts for denominational objects.

Norfolk Street adds nothing to the statistical report, but that report evidences a real growth in membership and benevolence.

Kreischerville reports the congregation in good spiritual condition. Fifteen members were added on confession of faith.

Grace Church speaks of the year as a busy and healthful one. The congregation is united and well organized. The spiritual life has been manifest.

Hamilton Grange reports increased congregations and a large accession to its membership. All departments of their Church work are in a healthful condition. The enthusiasm among the young people is specially manifest. Their greatest obstacle to more rapid progress is their small and inadequate edifice.

The Church of the Comforter reports more evidence of active spiritual life than ever in the history of the Church. Growth in numbers and deepening of spiritual interest have been most apparent. Fervor in petition has been marked, and notable answers to prayer have been evident and conversions are confidently looked for.

Anderson Memorial is encouraged by the record of the past year. Although this church, with others in that section of the city, has many obstacles to face, yet these difficulties seem to be bravely met and overcome.

West Farms speaks of the past year as one of earnest effort and material well-being. The year has been closed with expenses fully met, but heavy assessments in the immediate future await this church, as others in that section, because of much-needed improvements to streets. Spiritually there are signs of great promise, and firm hopes are entertained of accessions of strength.

First Reformed of Fordham adds nothing to its statistical table.

Bethany Memorial sends statistics only.

Columbian Memorial reports the past year a successful one, although it has had very few Christian helpers outside of the Mission family. Substantial progress is being made toward the evangelization of these Indian tribes.

The report of the *Apache Mission* is perhaps the most interesting of all. This mission, at Fort Sill, under the care of Rev. Mr. Wright, has been very successful during the past year. Nineteen adults have been baptized and received into the communion of the church.

Prince's Bay Church was organized during the past year. It now has a membership of 15. Its Sunday School reports a total enrollment of 58. To this youngest church of the Classis we bid a most cordial welcome, and shall watch its growth and development with earnest and hopeful attention.

ECCLESIASTICAL CHANGES.

The Rev. Daniel McLaren Quackenbush, D. D., after nearly sixty years of ministerial service, about forty of which were spent in the pastorate of the Prospect Hill Reformed Church of this Classis, departed this life August 24, 1900, in his eighty-second year.

The Rev. Leonard W. Kipp, D. D., for forty years a missionary in China, passed from this life February 27, 1901, in his sixty-fourth year.

Rev. Clifford P. Case was received May 21, 1900, as a licentiate from the Classis of New Brunswick, and ordained as a minister of the gospel, Nov. 14, 1900, to serve as an assistant to the Minister in charge of the Collegiate Church at West End Avenue and Seventy-Seventh street.

Rev. Edward S. Ralston was received April 30, 1900, from the Classis of Paramus, and is now serving as pastor of the First Collegiate Reformed Church of Harlem.

Rev. William C. Stinson, D. D., was received November 14, 1900, from the Presbytery of Chillicothe, O., and installed pastor of the Bloomingdale Reformed Church, December 5, 1900.

Rev. John F. Dobbs was received May 28, 1900, from the Presbytery of Elizabeth, and installed pastor of the Mott Haven Reformed Church, June 19, 1900.

Rev. Winfred R. Ackert was received March 18, 1901, from the Classis of Bergen, and is now serving as the Missionary Pastor of the Vermilye Chapel under the care of the Fifth Avenue and Forth-Eighth Street congregation of the Collegiate Church.

Rev. Edward Niles, assistant to the Minister in charge of the Collegiate Church, Second Avenue and

Seventh Street, was dismissed April 16, 1901, to the North Classis of Long Island, within whose bounds he has received and accepted a call.

Rev. W. L. Johnson was dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia, on the same date.

The Licentiate, Peter Bruce, was dismissed May 28, 1900, to the Classis of Philadelphia.

On October 16, 1900, the Licentiate, J. P. Ratzel, was dismissed to the Ft. Wayne Association, the Licentiate, C. M. Sciple, to the Classis of Bergen, and the Rev. W. J. Harsha to the Presbytery of Denver.

Rev. E. C. Scudder was received October 16, 1900 from the Classis of Arcot.

The Reformed Church at Prince's Bay, Staten Island, N. Y., was duly organized May 10, 1900.

Respectfully submitted,

A. HAGEMAN,
Chairman of Committee.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following report:

Comparatively few of the Consistories report more than statistics; from these, however, we may profitably make a comparison with last year.

Comparing this with last year's report, we observe that the number of families remains practically the same, while in accessions on confession there is an increase over last year of fourteen. Three churches—Shawangunk, New Prospect, and Walden, have received eighteen, seventeen, and sixteen respectively. The number received by certificate is also larger by nine. Heading the list is Newburgh, with nineteen,

and Walden comes second, with thirteen. Through unusual losses by dismission, suspension and death, we report thirty-four less members than last year.

We note an increase in the enrollment in our Sunday Schools of twenty-seven.

The "Benevolent Offerings" for denominational purposes are $261.75 in excess of last year, and those for "Other Objects" exceed last year's record by $160.30.

While it is commendable that our Benevolences have been greater, yet less has been paid for "Congregational Purposes." Here there has been a falling-off of $502.57.

From the nine churches reporting other than mere statistics, we note the following:

Bloomingburgh has sowed in faith, yet reaped little.

Ellenville rejoices in having paid off its debt, and faces the future with hope.

Kerhonkson laments that business depression retards church prosperity.

Mamakating notes an improvement in attendance upon church services.

Newburgh finds encouragement in the "attendance, contributions, and general interest in the life of the church."

New Prospect notes the observance of the fifteenth anniversary of the settlement of the present pastor and the evidences of warm affection between people and pastor.

Second, Port Jervis, reports that $500 of its debt has been paid, leaving a balance of only $500. The interest manifested in the welfare of the church, together

with the spiritual atmosphere, afford encouragement to the pastor.

Walden rejoices in having received more members than during any year of the present pastorate and in the prospect of a large accession at the May communion.

Walpack, Lower, reports that although without a pastor, they have had preaching frequently, and that the C. E. Society and Sunday School meet regularly. They are making arrangements to have regular preaching from May to October.

Wawarsing has had preaching only one Sunday since the dismissal of their pastor last November, but have nearly paid off the debt left at the close of the former pastorate, and are now looking for a stated supply until better conditions arise.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Rev. C. Van Ostenbrugge has been dismissed to the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. F. W. Ruhl was dismissed to the New York Annual M. E. Conference.

Rev. Marion T. Conklin was dismissed to work under the care of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions at Almogordo, New Mexico.

Rev. Andrew John Meyer was received from the Classis of Albany, and installed over the church of Minisink.

Rev. J. E. Crane was received from the Classis of Rensselaer and installed over the church of Mamakating.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WYCKOFF SCHOMP,
Chairman.

POUGHKEEPSIE.

The Committee on the State of Religion in the Churches of the Classis, would respectfully report that the usual narratives, records of ministerial changes and statistical tables, came to hand in due time and have been carefully considered.

The growth in our churches has not been as marked as we could have desired, but in the net increase of 28 names on our church rolls we recognize the faithfulness of Him who said "My word shall not return unto me void."

The Word has been regularly and faithfully preached in all our churches, sinners have been converted and Saints edified, notwithstanding difficulties which have confronted us.

A review of the statistical tables shows a small advance all along the lines. There is a gain of 75 scholars in our Sunday Schools.

The churches have given $26 more to denominational work this year than last, and the congregational table shows an increase of $1,775.

A review of the whole field occupied by this Classis presents many features of very considerable encouragement; there has been no large ingathering, though a few of the churches have received additions. The attitude of most of them is that of lively expectation of future blessing in view of present tokens of the Divine favor. It becomes us to recognize with gratitude and joy how great things the Lord has done for us.

We make the following brief abstracts from the different reports:

First Poughkeepsie says that the work of the church has been diligently prosecuted, explains that the falling off in Benevolent contributions has been caused partly by the necessity of funds for congregational purposes, and mourns the loss by death of their largest contributor, Elder Henry L. Young.

Second Poughkeepsie reports that the record of the year contains many reasons for gratitude to God as well as many for self-abasement and renewed supplication of His favor.

The Church of Fishkill has recently started a Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, with a hopeful outlook.

Hopewell.—To this church the year has been one of material prosperity. Repairs and improvements have been made without a decrease in the contributions to the Boards.

New Hackensack has beautified the church edifice at an outlay of $640. A new chapel and pipe organ have been added—the gifts from a generous friend.

The Church of Rhinebeck is encouraged by accessions to her ranks.

Fishkill Landing has put forth great effort toward the liquidation of a heavy debt of nearly $6,000 which has hung upon the congregation. The result has been the payment of $4,000 of this amount, and pledges secured for the balance. The Sunday School has increased 100 per cent. in numbers and average attendance. The additions to the church membership have been encouraging. Altogether we have had a blessed and prosperous year.

From *Hyde Park* we received only the statistical report, but in making a comparison with the report of the previous year we find that the church has increased in the number of families by 19.

At *Glenham* two weeks of special services were held at the beginning of the year which were attended with spiritual blessings. The regular attendance of the children at church has been secured by organizing a children's choir.

In *Cold Spring* the Sunday School has multiplied three-fold. Repairs have been made to the church, and the people are thankful that they are entirely free from debt. New families have been added to the church and new souls to Christ's Kingdom.

Millbrook says that while the year has not been one of large growth yet they have not been left without the witness to the spirit.

The *Bloomvale Chapel* in this field has taken on new life. Church organizations have made progress and benevolences have increased.

The Ministerial Changes which have occurred within our bounds the past year have been (1) the reception of the Rev. Henry F. Hamlin from the Presbytery of Hudson, and his installation as pastor of the Church of Hyde Park. (2.) The dismission of the Rev. Joseph Gaston to the Presbytery of Chicago.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. McCULLUM, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

The Committee on the State of Religion in submitting its report would state that reports have been received from all the churches with the exception of the church of Melrose.

The work of the year as indicated by these reports shows no marked change over that of a year ago. The pastoral relations in the various churches remain

the same, save in the case of First, Yonkers, which at present is without a pastor. No deaths have occurred either in the Ministry or Eldership, for which we desire to record our gratitude. During the year three of the churches, Peekskill, Hastings, and Bronxville, celebrated their fiftieth anniversaries with appropriate services.

In considering the statistical tables which have been presented we discover a slight falling-off in the matter of accessions. The church reporting the largest number of accessions is Park Hill, which received 41 new members. Owing to the revision of the roll of one of the churches it appears that the total number in communion is considerably less than that of a year ago. On the other hand we find an increase of about five per cent. in the Sunday School enrollment. There has also been a gratifying increase in the contributions for denominational and other benevolences.

But the work of the church cannot be stated in figures. We are persuaded of the earnest, steady, faithful work of the churches. In general tone the reports accompanying the statistical tables indicate for the most part a healthy condition of spiritual life. As is customary, we append extracts from these reports:

Park Hill reports "a year of growth. We have cancelled our mortgaged debt of $3,000 and are free from every incumbrance with a nest-egg for a new church."

Bronxville.—The church at Bronxville makes thankful acknowledgment to the Master for the goodness with which He has crowned this year. On Nov. 11th and 12th we celebrated our golden jubilee. Hitherto the Reformed Church has been the only place of worship in our village, but now the Protestant Episcopal Church has established a mission here. Our services however, have never been more largely at-

tended, showing that there is a field here for both churches.

First, Tarrytown.—Little that is striking has marked our history during the year that is just closed. It has been a year of harmony and a year of steady labor. Special sums have been raised for the needs of the church at home, but the benevolent work of the church has not on that account been neglected. The additions have not been large, but the spirit of the church is good, and there is in it the promise of increase."

Second, Tarrytown.—Statistical report only.

Cortlandtown.—The past year has been one of quiet earnest work on the part of many. The hope is expressed that the division in our ranks may yet be healed. In financial matters we report a material reduction in our debt.

Peekskill reports a prosperous year. On August 30, 1900, the fiftieth anniversary of the establishing of the present organization, was celebrated. The church has been thoroughly renovated, at an expense of $1,317.09, of which there is an unpaid balance of but $240. There has been a spiritual blessing also. The work in all departments is well organized, thoroughly co-operative and systematically carried on. The outlook is hopeful.

Hastings.—Our work during the year has moved steadily forward, and the results have been gratifying. In October last, the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the church inspired new enthusiasm and interest which have been felt during the entire year. At this time the sum of $2,125 was subscribed toward a church debt which had been hanging for twenty years. Our Sabbath School is in good condition. The prayer meetings and Sabbath services have been well attended.

A King's Daughters Circle and a chapter of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip have been organized, both of which give promise of great usefulness.

First, Yonkers.—For several years our report of communicants has been largely in excess of the number really entitled to be so counted. The roll has now been carefully revised.

Unionville.—One half of the floating debt of four hundred dollars has been paid off; the remaining half is pledged. The church laments the removal of one of its families to another field, and one of its members by death.

Mount Vernon.—Statistical report only.

Mile Square, Yonkers.—Statistical report only.

Greenburgh.—The past year has been an uneventful one, nevertheless we have great cause for gratitude to God, as our growth has been spiritual rather than numerical. The attendance on the means of grace has been unusually good.

Greenville reports—We are simply holding on and patiently awaiting for the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon this part of His Vineyard. We have very good congregations at our regular services, and the young people are attending in greater numbers than heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR FREDERICK MABON.

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.								POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.			Benevolent. Other Objects.			Congregational.			
															R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.	
ARCOT	Joshua Selvam	64	2	9	16	3	4	81	6	3	197	27	6	642	236	2	3	5	8	0	252	6	5	Ranipettai, Mad. Pres., India.
Yehamur	Abraham Muni	452	48	12	16	9	4	310	170	106	944	697	25	576	124	7	6	3	13	6	366	0	2	Melpadi, N. A., M. P., India.
ARNI	J. H. Wyckoff	42	14	4	9	..	..	94	10	..	108	12	6	313	271	7	0	12	8	0	23	10	1	Tindivanam, S. A., M. P., In.
Vellambi	"	15	..	..	2	..	..	23	1	..	48	1	1	14	7	12	0	..	8	..	2	1	7	" " " "
Alliendal	"	23	1	..	3	2	1	24	5	..	63	17	2	32	5	8	0	..	8	..	7	3	3	" " " "
Gnanodiam	Moses Nathaniel	74	..	2	4	4	..	81	3	..	202	54	6	79	28	12	7	1	14	0	18	9	4	Chetpett, N. A., " "
Sattambadi	"	33	..	1	3	2	..	37	5	1	100	21	2	35	5	12	0	..	12	..	6	14	3	" " " "
Marutuvambadi	J. H. Wyckoff	37	..	..	..	..	..	38	..	..	48	72	2	37	14	4	0	..	8	..	13	4	0	Tindivanam, S. A., " "
CHITTOOR	John Yesuratnam	307	73	19	18	..	5	266	182	154	635	263	21	651	694	5	5	..	..	..	633	11	5	Chittoor, N. A., " "
COONOOR	H. J. Scudder	59	4	6	10	3	5	91	7	1	125	1	2	55	110	2	3	6	8	..	109	9	6	Ranipettai, " " "
MADANAPALLE	John Souri	187	11	11	19	..	2	168	20	10	374	146	12	583	221	15	7	89	15	..	501	6	8	Madanapalle, Mad. Pres., "
	Joseph John																							
PALMANER	Erskine Thavamani	24	1	22	18	..	..	56	53	1	54	8	4	186	157	0	0	38	10	8	117	13	0	Palmaner, N. A., M. P., "
TINDIVANAM	J. H. Wyckoff (S. C.)	70	3	9	9	1	..	88	10	..	140	97	8	439	201	8	6	4	10	9	326	8	0	Tindivanam, S. A., " "
	Meshach Peter																							
Orattur	Paul Bailey	70	7	1	2	2	..	86	13	5	119	121	3	66	34	15	1	..	12	..	70	12	9	Villipuram, " " "
Narasuiganur	"	83	6	9	9	2	1	91	11	4	160	95	5	52	21	4	5	1	2	..	53	4	10	" " " "
Velleripett	"	65	2	2	3	..	..	81	2	2	154	57	5	44	27	0	0	1	..	..	38	5	4	" " " "
Gingee	John Peter	79	5	10	5	..	2	71	4	6	84	175	7	124	40	5	10	1	6	..	87	6	4	Gingee, " " "
Varikkal	"	43	..	4	6	..	..	61	8	..	93	34	3	48	13	1	4	..	6	..	57	3	0	" " " "
Kolapakkam	"	92	9	6	6	..	4	143	12	9	175	55	6	73	29	0	7	1	10	..	63	15	10	" " " "
VELLORE	S. A. Sebastian	65	12	31	24	..	..	139	3	..	150	8	4	221	213	0	5	30	..	..	445	1	7	Vellore, N. A. " " "
Katpadi	Benjamin Thomas	167	13	15	18	..	4	146	33	22	351	138	10	175	65	3	6	..	..	..	107	15	11	Katpadi, " " " "
Kandiputtur	Isaac Lazar	102	9	6	13	6	3	115	14	14	159	98	6	138	42	1	0	1	14	..	51	3	3	Tiruvallam, N. A., " "
Kottapalli	Benjamin Thomas	122	..	7	16	3	..	74	26	26	252	122	8	73	44	11	4	..	..	..	64	15	10	Katpadi, " " " "
Sekadu	Isaac Lazar	55	9	2	1	..	3	73	8	8	118	77	3	89	23	2	9	1	..	..	29	1	0	Tiruvallam, " " " "
	Total	2330	229	188	230	37	38	2437	606	372	4853	2396	157	4743	2632	15	4	204	13	11	3446	8	0	

Other Ministers.—J. Chamberlain, M. D., Coonoor, India; L. B. Chamberlain, Madanapalle, India; W. I. Chamberlain and W. T. Scudder, Vellore, India; H. J. Scudder, Ranipettai, India; J. A. Beattie, Chittoor, India; L. R. Scudder, M. D., in America; R. Thavamani, Talmaner, India.

Candidates.—S. Santosham, Elias Nathaniel, N. Jotinayakam, John Wilkins, J. M. Soondram, David Muni, Cephas Whitehead, Simeon Cornelius, Thomas Aaron, J. Solomon, J. Daniel, P. Timothy, T. Samuel, J. I. David, Edward Bedford, Abraham Isaac, D. Lazarus, John Kay, Joseph Paul, Moses Joshua, Kadirvelu, C. Iyacun, Joseph Asirvadam.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

HURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
averack	George H. Burrill	105	7	4	8	..	4	255	4	1	....	97	4	215	$577 00	$106 00	$1,689 00	Claverack, Columbia Co., N.Y.
a	A. Judson Walter	72	29	5	..	..	5	*129	4	12	....	55	1	88	75 30	34 70	713 08	Mt. Ross, Dutchess Co., "
itown	Edgar I. McCully	115	3	2	5	..	1	182	4	1	....	....	1	114	185 38	6 00	1,363 51	Germantown, Col. Co., "
ort	Charles E. Corwin	109	5	5	4	..	4	153	..	2	....	50	2	150	186 59	43 03	1,416 70	Greendale, " "
	Charles Park	275	5	12	4	..	7	446	7	1	....	..	1	227	1,382 00	684 00	4,000 00	Hudson, " "
go	E. W. Greene (P. E.)	70	6	..	..	..	3	166	4	1	47	60	1	115	100 00	25 00	1,361 06	Livingston, " "
lon at Linlithgo	Fred'k K. Shield (s. s.)	72	2	1	..	..	1	97	4	2	..	30	2	195	126 40	17 85	991 36	Linlithgo, " "
ille	George Z. Collier	110	6	4	5	..	5	187	4	3	53	12	1	96	166 55	8 20	1,075 00	Mellenville, " "
nt	F.V. VanVranken (s. c.)	116	14	1	5	1	4	237	8	3	46	100	1	180	1,014 02	98 72	2,730 97	Philmont, " "
ted Hook	Charles Maar	53	3	5	..	..	1	152	..	1	40	..	1	55	272 75	70 44	962 00	Upper Red H'k, Dutch. Co., "
opake	William E. Compton	95	3	2	6	..	5	114	4	..	89	137	1	137	101 50	6 00	910 00	West Copake, Col. Co., "
	Total	1192	83	41	37	1	40	2118	43	27	275	541	16	1572	$4,190 49	$1,099 94	$17,212 68	

* Revised List.

Other Ministers.—Jonah W. Vaughan, Wilton, Maine; David F. Williams, Albany, N. Y.; Mortimer Smith, Saugerties, N. Y.; B. A. Bartholf, Mayfield, Co., New York.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
omingdale	Joseph Millett	120	8	..	..	..	1	250	20	..	....	100	1	255	$ 64 99	$ 15 28	$ 1,000 00	Bloomington, N. Y.
Clove	Herman Hagemann (S.C.)	145	2	6	3	0	9	277	9	0	290	100	3	300	408 51	35 13	1,643 47	High Falls, "
shville Falls	Supplied	38	0	0	9	0	1	78	4	0	20	24	1	69	8 45	5 93	438 80	Rifton Glen, "
rdiner	T. F. Bayles	85	1	0	3	0	2	125	0	0	0	70	1	70	15 39	.....	1,542 94	Gardiner, "
ilford	Calvin E. Lasher	70	4	0	2	0	1	120	4	1	84	63	2	123	66 00	23 50	850 00	Libertyville, "
rley Fair Street.	Albert Schlieder	78	5	4	1	0	2	148	2	2	49	30	1	83	266 68	48 35	1,086 00	Hurley, "
ngston,	F. B. Seeley	190	9	21	15	0	6	390	1	2	0	0	1	246	416 39	119 28	3,525 00	Kingston, "
umville	Supplied	25	8	4	0	0	1	79	2	0	40	12	1	75	2 50	7 30	180 00	Krumville, "
ousville	Supplied	41	0	1	3	0	3	120	3	0	0	0	1	70	15 05	30 90	217 37	Kripplebush, "
rbletown, North	Vacant	90	3	0	1	0	3	143	0	0	0	0	2	135	115 00	.....	831 08	Stone Ridge, "
rbletown	Vacant	56	2	0	0	0	2	90	8	0	0	0	1	26	.....	.....	.....	.....
w Paltz	E. C. Oggel	276	14	10	7	0	6	610	4	5	380	108	6	500	621 00	235 00	2,700 00	New Paltz, "
chester	John L. MacNair	103	10	4	10	0	4	188	12	5	88	0	5	345	137 36	27 82	1,028 14	Accord, "
sendale	Henry C. Van Haagen	100	0	0	4	0	0	171	0	0	....	....	....	145	.....	27 25	2,003 10	Rosendale, "
sendale Plains	Henry C. Van Haagen	83	5	1	0	0	1	100	4	2	....	....	1	100	25 14	.....	418 30	Rosendale, "
Remy	Joseph Millett	50	..	..	..	..	..	120	0	0	....	....	1	134	12 00	8 50	500 00	Bloomington, "
	Total	1553	71	51	58	0	36	2899	72	17	951	507	29	2671	$2,184 99	$583 86	$17,964 20	

Other Ministers.—Paul T. Deyo, Krumville, N. Y.; James Cantine, Missionary; Samuel T. Searle, New Brunswick, N. J.; J. R. Lente, Emeritus
shington ville, N. Y.; George Davis, Kingston, N. Y.
Candidate.—Eugene H. Keator, Rosendale, N. Y.

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laica	Robert K. Wick	177	22	9	4	..	9	369	12	6	....	. .	2	300	$1,352 00	$752 00	$7,672 00	221 Fulton St., Jamaica, N. Y.
wtown	Charles K. Clearwater	125	20	..	2	..	4	250	5	1	....	....	2	300	215 00	25 00	3,720 00	Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y.
ter Bay	Gusta. Watermuelder	106	16	4	3	..	2	141	..	5	....	45	1	100	152 48	3 08	1,267 26	Glen Head, " "
th Hempstead	Alfred Duncombe	73	..	4	..	..	1	162	1	..	....	....	2	200	105 80	130 68	1,560 96	Manhasset, " "
liamsburg	Howard Wilbur Ennis	158	6	9	5	..	4	*202	..	3	....	....	1	287	223 14	106 75	8,271 20	574 Bedford Av., Brooklyn, N. Y.
oria	John Chas. Rauscher	150	21	..	..	..	4	234	12	..	....	....	1	245	545 00	75 69	4,153 50	429 Hopkins Av., Astoria, "
shing	James R. Swain—elect	160	3	7	6	..	6	328	..	..	....	....	2	345	735 91	649 40	4,201 69	Flushing, L. I., "
it Street, Brooklyn	Lewis Francis	196	11	10	9	..	7	389	21	2	....	....	2	966	1,863 70	289 06	5,915 16	143 Noble St., Brooklyn, "
th Bushwick	Edward Niles—elect	200	26	1	8	..	4	409	22	6	....	....	1	1048	452 35	40 00	4,237 95	15 Himrod St., " "
ond, Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	100	6	..	..	..	6	302	56	..	....	14	1	225	128 00	....	4,353 00	520 Second Av., " "
t Williamsburg	Vacant	....	..	..	..	..	..	†13	..	..	....	....	....	112	.....	.....	456 59	.....
ens	J. S. N. Demarest	85	6	5	4	..	2	150	10	1	....	127	1	177	315 92	179 72	*1,696 72	Queens, L. I., "
man Av., Brooklyn	Geo. D. Wacker	†104	..	..	5	..	25	200	155	..	....	60	2	750	75 00	50 00	.....	56 Union Av., Brooklyn, "
ville	Elbert S. Schilstra	48	..	5	2	6	1	94	3	..	1	90	1	120	32 55	33 06	902 19	West Sayville, L. I., "
ust Valley	Vacant	30	3	1	..	..	1	42	5	..	1	10	1	88	28 29	34 48	568 90	Locust Valley, " "
ege Point	Frank Malvin	105	19	..	6	..	4	170	8	1	....	10	1	170	274 47	108 50	†2,159 66	College Point, " "
t Long Island City	Alexander Shaw	70	4	3	3	..	..	64	30	..	....	130	1	160	89 37	36 40	1,493 25	102 Academy St., L. I., "
hwick	James C. Hume	200	18	3	2	..	2	200	10	..	....	. ..	1	294	25 00	25 00	1,928 00	83 Powers St., Brooklyn, "
man Av., Jamaica	Frederick Stoebener	80	47	2	7	3	2	248	38	2	....	23	1	205	54 00	35 50	1,591 48	103 Herriman Av., Jamaica, "
sville	Ernest Gutweiler	60	..	..	3	..	..	58	6	..	....	100	1	100	.....	.....	640 00	Hicksville, L. I., "
Newtown	August G. F. Bender	63	30	7	3	..	4	105	16	..	5	10	1	116	18 00	....	554 62	Elmhurst, " "
nway	C. W. Laufer (s. s.)	....	27	2	..	..	..	114	5	..	....	14	1	375	753 34	55 44	2,180 67	Steinway, " "
rch of Jesus	August Guenther	67	27	..	2	1	3	90	35	1	....	14	2	320	12 00	.....	680 00	15 Central Place, Brooklyn, "
Hyde Park	Vacant	†17	..	..	..	..	..	27	..	..	....	....	1	207	.....	.....	.....	New Hyde Park, L. I., "
nyside, L. I. City	Daniel P. Doyle	52	5	1	3	..	1	47	11	..	....	25	1	135	47 03	12 00	1,014 65	157 Skillman Av., " City, "
	Total	2426	311	73	77	10	92	4408	461	28	7	672	31	7355	$7,498 35	$2,641 76	$61,319 45	

† Last year's report. * Revised list.

Other Ministers.—W. H. Ten Eyck (S. C.), 159 West 92d Street, New York City; Robert H. Barr, Newburgh, N. Y.; John H. Smock, Locust Valley, N. Y.; ies Demarest, 11 Revere Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.; John Baumeister, 402 Amity Street, Flushing, N. Y.; John C. Guenther, 56 Union Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; . H. Jackson, 2090 14th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Candidate.—Hermon H. Shook, 140 Nassau Street, New York.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

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			Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First Reformed	James M. Farrar	355	35	52	16	..	10	1069	25	10	....	....	1	1019	$1,760 38	$6,469 30	.....	857 President St., Brooklyn.
Flatbush	Cornelius L. Wells	160	15	15	6	..	4	‡490	14	...	....	200	1	575	3,057 00	2,499 00	.....	900 Flatbush Ave., "
Grace Chapel	Charles S. Wyckoff	85	3	5	1	..	...	....	7	1	132	20	1	222	74 62	31 49	$1,016 80	582 Flatbush Ave., "
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	100	11	3	15	..	4	342	5	3	...	50	1	425	1,142 05	131 33	4,477 45	7920 18th Ave., "
Gravesend	Peter V. VanBuskirk	120	7	7	5	..	4	257	10	...	....	100	3	436	670 47	685 59	3,459 00	Gravesend, "
Flatlands	John S. Gardner (S. C.)	91	9	3	2	..	1	215	17	...	....	90	2	287	650 00	193 00	3,631 00	44 Kowenhoven Pl., "
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	*60	7	7	3	..	3	*175	3	2	....	30	1	368	410 00	100 00	2,300 00	New Lots Ave., Sta. E., "
East New York	James M. Dickson	150	13	4	6	..	3	252	7	1	....	....	1	474	305 00	650 00	4,238 90	53 Vermont Ave., "
South Brooklyn	Benj. E. Dickhaut	250	20	17	14	..	4	445	25	5	....	450	1	900	458 00	265 00	4,980 00	165 52d St., "
Twelfth Street	Mark A. Denman	320	25	10	12	..	4	908	12	5	450	300	1	1,150	187 85	179 27	6,463 02	488 9th St., "
North	James Demarest (S. S.)	23	5	...	3	..	...	64	1	...	....	....	1	70	78 76	28 24	971 33	11 Revere Pl., "
Church-on-the-Heights	J. Douglass Adam	‡330	18	29	3	..	2	‡466	2	5	....	....	‡2	‡480	4,813 52	1,080 46	13,916 00	72 Willow St., "
Bethany Chapel	John Gilmore Addy	....	9	2	7	..	2	....	2	2	....	....	...	.....	225 00	446 14	698 00	464 Second St., "
New Brooklyn	Fred. C. Erhardt	130	49	...	1	..	18	*265	40	...	...	32	1	402	100 46	122 73	2,872 00	1062 Herkimer St., "
Second Flatbush	Louis Goebel	56	10	...	...	..	...	.....	12	...	....	12	1	165	12 00	8 00	1,264 00	63 Church Ave., "
Canarsie	H. G. Herge (P. E.)	35	...	...	...	..	5	95	1	...	....	....	...1	70	65 00	.....	650 00	Canarsie, "
Bedford		9	...	...	2	..	1	16	...	...	....	....	...	....	.....	.....	.....	
St. Thomas, D. W. I.	A. M. Arcularius	52	1	...	...	..	5	100	2	...	....	....	1	66	32 50	.....	866 63	St. Thomas, D. W. I.
Ocean Hill	Francis A. Seibert	51	14	8	4	..	...	*76	3	3	55	....	1	198	.....	.....	654 44	248 Saratoga Ave., Brooklyn.
Edgewood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams	40	5	6	2	..	1	118	14	1	....	....	1	225	75 00	.....	¾4,000 00	1229 57th St., "
Ridgewood	George R. Israel	50	8	...	...	..	1	54	5	2	13	4	1	225	13 50	.....	1,684 00	Evergeeen, Queens Co., L. I.
Greenwood Heights	N. H. VanArsdale (S. S.)	45	3	...	...	..	...	51	3	1	....	....	1	139	27 91	.....	855 99	4 Warren St., New York City.
Bay Ridge	Chas. Judson Scudder	82	13	18	...	..	3	150	4	5	32	137	1	229	438 31	229 30	4,234 84	246 80th St., Brooklyn.
German American Ref.	Wm. J. H. Boetcker	98	34	...	...	..	3	*211	41	1	....	19	2	327	10 00	11 00	1,875 61	134 Crystal St., "
	Total	2698	314	186	102	..	78	5819	255	47	682	1444	27	8451	15,607 31	14,279 85	65,109 01	

* Revised List. ‡ $2,000 for building lots, and $600 for building fund. † Including 141 members of Grace Chapel. ‡ Including Bethany Chapel.

Other Ministers.—Daniel Rapalje, 25 East 22d St., New York City; John Mason Ferris, Editor "Christian Intelligencer," Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn; U. D. Quick, Equitable Life, 120 Broadway, New York City; D. N. Vanderveer, 22 West 123d St., New York City; Walter T. Griffen, Limoges, France, U. S. Consul; Edwin M. See, Y. M. C. A., 502 Fulton St., Brooklyn; J. L. Zabriskie, 28 Regent Place, Flatbush, Brooklyn; W. R. Davis, Brooklyn, New York; A. DeWitt Mason, Editor "Mission Field," 25 East 22d St., New York City; William D. Perry, 163 Washington Park, Brooklyn; A. Messler Quick, 56 7th Ave., Brooklyn; John R. Boyd, 806 Carroll St., Brooklyn.

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ollegiate	Edward B. Coe, S. M.																42 W. 52d St., N. Y. City.
" Fifth Avenue	Donald Sage Mackay																20 E. 66th St., "
" "	A. Hageman, Asst.																139 W 84th St, "
" Marble	David J. Burrell																248 W. 75th St., "
" "	Alfred E. Myers, Asst.																309 W. 70th St., "
" "	A. H. Bradshaw, Asst.																353 W. 57th St., "
" West End	Henry E. Cobb	2461	154	28	93		42	2961	102	20	....	....	8	4260	59,893 37	8,382 64	.....	370 W. End Ave., "
" "	Cliff. P. Case, Asst.																260 W 72d St., "
" Middle	John G. Fagg																3 Rutherford Pl., "
" Nor. Ch. Chapel																	
" Thirty-fourth St.	John H. Elliott																307 W. 54th St., "
" Knox Mem. Cha	William Vaughan																405 W. 41st St., "
" Vermilye Chapel	Winfred R. Ackert																416 W. 54th St., "
	J. Elmendorf, S. M.																"Winthrop," 125th St. & 7th Ave.
Harlem Collegiate	Edgar Tilton, Jr.	700	81	83	81	..	18	1653	37	27	....	500	2	1236	6,082 10	2,575 00	.....	269 Lenox Ave., N. Y. City.
	Edward S. Ralston																178 E. 122d St., "
South	Roderick Terry	217	4	1	2	..	1	*282	2	2	101	95	1	128	10,315 00	1,000 00	10,000 00	169 Madison Ave., "
Manor Chapel, South	James Palmer	200	15	2	2	..	4	315	19	2	150	70	2	340	300 00	250 00	1,000 00	205 W. 87th St., "
Staten Island	Alfred H. Demarest	170	12	5	4	..	9	384	16	3	....	200	2	600	799 67	199 37	4,300 00	Port Richmond, S. I., N. Y.
Bloomingdale	Wm. C. Stinson	150	20	19	7	..	2	*128	1	...	...	....	1	225	40 00	595 00	18,900 64	Broadway & 68th St., N. Y. City
Madison Avenue	Abbott E. Kittredge	500	38	36	41	2	12	1321	19	8	...	....	2	1348	17,174 04	5,063 54	27,142 00	711 Park Ave., "
"	Wm. Dana, Street Asst.																	567 Park Ave., "
" Ev. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	60	26	...	8	..	6	212	23	3		10	2	250	325 00	636 47	946 50	78 2d St., N. Y. City.
German	David Junor	70	11	2	11	..	...	4[illegible]	3	.	...	..	1	114	50 00	.....	.....	Sea Side, S. I., N. Y.
Huguenot	John Francis Dobbs	168	53	18	6	..	1	*274	30	3	98	320	1	530	389 23	50 50	4,436 52	590 E. 146th St., N. Y. City.
Mott Haven																		

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...ion High Bridge	J. Brownlee Voorhees	150	15	5	2	..	6	187	13	4	....	185	1	325	925 05	442 36	4,093 69	Woody Crest Ave., H. B., N. Y.
...urth German	John H. Oerter	92	15	1	3	..	....	263	20	...	125	25	1	200	350 91	210 00	1,885 29	482 W. 40th St., N. Y. City.
...ospect Hill	Henry M. Cox, S. S.	18	.....	..	2	..	....	52	...	...	....	....	.....	.....	.....	65 00	.....	.....
...enue B German	Jacob Schlegel	125	40	...	...	..	10	620	100	...	....	41	1	400	150 00	300 00	3,000 00	602 Fifth St., "
...ighton Heights	James Coffin Stout	135	8	3	4	..	..	217	2	...	....	....	1	375	628 71	263 54	3,622 00	New Brighton, S. I., N. Y.
...olfoik St. German	Charles Schlegel	209	44	...	1	..	1	242	55	1	....	40	2	400	30 00	100 00	1,254 00	353 E. 68th St., N. Y. City.
...Evan. St. Peter's	Jacob Ganss	86	15	...	8	..	2	*100	4	1	5	10	1	150	.....	.....	350 00	Kreischerville, S. I., N. Y.
...ce	Joseph R. Duryee	230	13	3	3	..	3	317	19	1	....	....	1	256	195 00	475 00	4,781 00	139 E. 36th St., N. Y. City.
...amilton Grange	Charles B. Chapin	140	20	36	5	..	5	*341	8	4	....	....	1	251	407 62	139 55	3,509 21	117 Convent Ave., "
...hurch of the Comf'ter	Henry V. S. Myers	95	2	2	2	..	....	*52	2	2	16	100	1	150	61 47	.....	907 55	504 E. 162d St., "
...nderson Memorial	James Hunter	80	7	14	.....		....	110	15	1	....	15	1	261	80 93	5 75	2,105 95	2301 Cambreleng Ave., "
...Farms	Herman C. Weber	50	2	3	...	..	1	36	6	...	...	...	1	106	79 95	2 00	1,340 46	Boston Road, W. Farms, N. Y.
...est	Joseph Merlin Hodson	137	9	6	7	..	1	250	4	1	....	...	1	157	741 67	9 81	3,587 23	Fordham, N. Y.
...ordham	.....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
...charity Memorial	J. T. Lonsdale, S. S.	150	58	3	1	..	6	210	14	3	40	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1098 First Ave., N. Y. City.
...olumbian Memorial	Walter C. Roe	150	25	4	5	3	9	135	2	26	....	60	1	130	.....	46 00	136 13	Colony, Oklahoma.
...'Apache" Mis.	Frank H. Wright, S. S.	....	19	11	...	..	1	29	7	19	7	2	1	50	31 55	2 05	3 90	244 San Jacinto St., Dallas, Tex.
...sill	.....	....	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
...t. Bay	David Junor, S. S.	....	4	12	..	..	1	15	1	...	....	....	1	58	.....	.....	.....	Sea Side, S. I., N. Y.
...rince's	.....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	6470	722	397	298		141	10751	525	131	542	1673	38	12310	99,051 17	20,843 58	$97,402 11	

* Revised List.

Other Ministers.—C. H. Wolff, E. Rothesay Miller, Yokohama, Japan; F. T. Barney, Arabia; Charles M. Myers, Nagasaki, Japan; E. C. Scudder, 25 East ...2d St., N. Y. City; Hasbrouck DuBois, High Bridge, N. Y. City; G. H. Mandeville, 132 West 82d St., N. Y. City; W. W. Clark, 532 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; ...Vm. Westerfield, 107 W. 123d St., N. Y. City; Walter Laidlaw, N. Y. City; Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; A. G. Vermilye, Englewood, N. J.; E. A. Reed, Holyoke, ...Mass. A. J. Park, Leonard's Bridge, Conn.; Thomas O. Lowe, New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y.; W. S. Baker, 240 Third St., Jersey City, N. J.; E. J. Ronk; A. ...J. B. Bechger, London, Eng.; John Lewis Clark, 44 Broad St., N. Y. City.

Candidates.—M. G. Schwartz, H. F. Kyle.

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.....	Vacant	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	....	43 00	10 00	434 98	Walden,	N. Y.
ingburgh	J. L. Stillwell	*80	1	4	5	..	4	*110	3	...	106	....	1	*82	61 45	.....	875 00	Bloomingburgh,	"
oon	Henry Unglaub	62	8	...	...	..	7	131	18	..	....	10	1	90	15 00	10 00	920 00	Callicoon,	"
ville	Vacant	17	...	...	...	...	...	41	...	...	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	Grahamsville,	"
backville	.....	52	...	...	...	...	...	94	...	...	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	746 00	Cuddebackville,	"
ark	Thomas H. MacKenzie	262	8	4	8	..	9	†477	4	5	205	125	2	‖ 614	763 00	241 00	4,301 00	Port Jervis,	"
ille	Herman C. Berg	175	6	...	5	..	4	317	3	...	....	.....	1	250	337 34	202 12	2,615 44	Ellenville,	"
urgh	B. E. Statesir	80	...	1	3	..	2	132	1	...	....	10	3	180	75 60	54 45	727 12	Woodbourne,	"
msville	Vacant	27	1	...	...	....	3	68	...	1	....	...	1	81	156 67	.....	66 50	Grahamsville,	"
nkson	Vacant	30	6	...	3	1	2	60	...	...	....	....	1	80	10 11	.....	475 00	Kerhonkson,	"
xating	J. E. Crane	65	2	1	...	...	1	100	...	...	....	20	1	50	18 54	.....	774 00	Wurtsboro	"
nk	Andrew John Meyer	60	7	4	3	..	2	†65	2	5	...	.	1	35	24 25	3 95	1,009 84	Montague, New Jersey.	
omery	J. Frederick Berg	175	6	2	1	1	1	420	3	2	...	...	1	150	507 05	272 34	‡ 3,179 39	Montgomery,	N. Y.
urgh	Robert H. Beattie	185	4	19	8	..	8	308	7	1	..	110	1	155	346 18	103 01	3 456 70	Newburgh,	"
hurley	J. A. Thurston	95	8	4	2	..	4	150	3	3	55	75	2	105	69 64	14 86	1,467 74	New Hurley,	"
rospect	E. O. Moffett	101	17	4	1	1	8	†196	4	...	...	14	1	146	250 33	48 00	1,118 71	Pine Bush,	"
ervis, Second	J. C. Forbes	48	...	5	3	..	...	56	2	..	....	....	1	60	26 35	2 00	1,175 24	Port Jervis,	"
ngunk	Sheldon Vandeburg	85	18	2	3	..	6	174	2	7	..	68	4	176	86 56	39 27	1,176 00	Bruynswick.	"
ville	Vacant	7	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	40 00	Grahamsville,	"
n	Wm. Wyckoff Schomp	184	16	13	11	..	5	409	7	7	135	243	1	315	458 88	138 58	2,753 21	Walden,	"
ill Valley	Vacant	97	5	4	4	..	1	218	4	3	....	..	1	225	170 61	32 25	1,564 40	Wallkill,	"
ck, Upper	Vacant	....	...	...	2	....	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	....	35 52	.....	.....	Dingman's Ferry, Pa.	
ck, Lower	Vacant	70	...	..	...	..	2	130	...	....	....	100	2	110	.....	.....	450 00	Bushkill,	N. Y.
ack	Vacant	46	...	...	1	..	...	44	2	...	....	....	1	45	.....	.....	410 00	Napanoch,	"
arsing																			
	Total	2038	113	67	63	3	59	3713	65	34	501	909	27	2949	$3,456 08	$1,171 83	$29,736 27		

* Last year's report. † Revised. ‡ $1,200 balance on debt. ‖ Including 125 members of Home Department.

Other Ministers.—J. E. Bernart, Chester, N. Y.; Gilbert S. Garrison, Dingman's Ferry, Pa.; H. A. Hendricksen, Flushing, L. I., N. Y. S. W. Mills, Port N. Y.; Louis Heber, Utica, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
rst, Poughkeepsie	A. P. VanGieson (s. c.)	200	14	3	6	..	9	448	10	6	....	..	1	277	$1,055 00	$1,463 00	$3,544 00	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
cond "	Wm. Bancroft Hill	200	10	11	7		9	414	4	5		..	2	282	2,310 00	890 00	4 306 00	" "
shkill	A. H. Huizinga	110	12	1	4	..	2	†200	..	6		14	1	94	149 00	47 00	2 329 00	Fishkill, "
opewell	Ernest Clapp	90	6	2	1	..	6	100	5	2	....	..	*4	175	283 00	57 00	1,525 00	Hopewell Junction, "
w Hackensack	Wm A. Dumont	90	..	1	6	..	5	190	..	.	....	....	*3	150	188 00	28 00	1,588 08	New Hackensack, "
hinebeck	J. Howard Suydam	125	9	6	2	..	1	176	6	4	..	....	1	103	408 00	65 00	2,489 00	Rhinebeck, "
shkill-on-Hudson	E. A. McCullum	152	21	6	3	..	7	375	8	9	..	..	1	220	305 30	175 00	‡ 7,621 00	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
yde Park	Henry F. Hamlin	70	9	7	2	..	1	91	..	4	..	..	1	78	145 00	75 00	1,195 00	Hyde Park, "
enham	Wm. V. D. Strong	42	2	..	..	..	..	40	..	1	..	....	1	47	15 00	7 00	581 00	Glenham, "
ld Spring	Joseph McIntyre	36	13	6	..	..	2	65	2	3	....	80	1	80	5 00	.....	579 00	Cold Spring, "
illbrook	J. E. Lyall	103	4	1	4	..	2	183	3	1	..	.	2	145	476 00	122 00	2,008 00	Millbrook, "
	Total	1218	100	44	35	..	44	2332	38	41	....	94	18	1648	$5,292 00	$2,929 00	$27,665 00	

† Revised list. * Three are union schools. ‡ $4,000 for debt.

Other Ministers. - C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; H. N. Cobb, 25 East 22d St., New York; David H. Hunter, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; C. W. Fritts, Fishkill-Hudson, N. Y.; F. F. Wilson, Asbury Park, N. J.; P. W. Pitcher, Amoy, China.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

URCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd											Benevolent.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
lle	William S. C. Webster	75	8	16	3		1	94	4	3	. .	. .	1	150	$691 00	$130 00	$1,827 00	Bronxville.
ltown	F. A. Force	91	...	...	...	...	...	111	7	...	77	100	2	198	34 98	15 00	1,082 22	Montrose
rgh	G. A. T. Goebel	38	...	1	4	..	...	46	2	...	. ..	40	1	64	30 30	.....	694 00	Elmsford.
lle	J. L. Harper	40	...	...	...	...	1	51	1	...	....	28	1	68	26 98	.....	679 55	Scarsdale
s	Orville J. Sigafoos	80	7	5	3	1	2	98	8	4	....	15	1	120	43 69	20 00	3,712 19	Hastings on-Hudson.
	George H. Miller	†92	...	...	...	..	...	†306	...	...	....	...	1	†380	.....	.....	.....	748 Elton Ave., N. Y. City.
'ernon	C. H. Tyndall.	151	10	9	2	..	2	298	5	5	....	95	2	213	1,004 86	100 12	4,368 55	Mount Vernon.
are, Yonkers	Vacant	32	2	5	...	..	...	20	1	2	....	....	1	75	40 00	25 00	706 56	
ll	William P. Bruce, (s. c.)	125	14	27	8	..	2	188	4	3	50	20	1	225	325 00	75 00	‡6,760 00	71 Livingston Ave., Yonkers.
l	Henry de Vries	96	5	6	7		3	140	2	2	73	26	1	114	171 57	12 00	2,496 73	Peekskill.
wn, First	John K. Allen	135	5	6	2	..	6	328	5	2	....	.. .	1	250	1,152 00	232 00	7,734 00	Tarrytown
Second	Arthur F. Mabon	91	2	3	3	..	...	192	3	...	....	....	1	127	353 22	81 90	2,158 16	Tarrytown
lle	Albert Kuiper	50	0	3	...	..	...	77	...	...	....	....	1	53	30 60	21 00	999 11	Neperan
, First	Vacant	150	9	2	13	..	4	*234	6	4	....	....	1	170	324 81	578 14	4,981 28	
	Total	1246	62	83	45	1	21	2183	48	25	190	324	16	2205	$4,229 01	$1,291 16	$38,199 35	

* Revised roll. † Figures from last years return. ‡ $3,000 clearing mortgage.

Other Ministers.—David Cole, J. H. Berthoff, W. W. Rand, John Gebhard, T. Edward Ingalls, all Yonkers, N. Y. ; Howard Harris Japan ; James Bolton· N. J. ; F. M. Bogardus, Asbury Park, N. J. ; L. Curry Andrews, White Plains, N. Y. ; Frank Scudder, Japan.

Candidate.—H. J. Bogardus, M. D., Jersey City, N. J.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1901.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.
				Rec'd												Benevolent.			
				On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
cot	24	26	2330	229	188	230	37	38	2437	606	372	4853	2896	157	4743	$2,632	$204	$3,447	Rev. J. H. Wyckoff.
adson	11	15	1192	83	41	37	1	40	2118	43	27	275	541	16	1572	4,190	1,100	17,213	" F. V. VanVranken.
ngston	16	14	1553	71	51	58	0	36	2809	72	17	951	507	29	2671	2,185	584	17 964	" Herman Hageman.
orth Long Island	25	29	2426	311	73	77	10	92	4108	461	28	7	672	31	7355	7,498	2,646	61,319	" William H. Ten Eyck.
uth Long Island	24	35	2698	314	186	102	0	78	5819	255	47	682	1444	27	8451	15,607	14,280	65,109	" John S. Gardner.
ew York	26	60	6470	722	397	298	5	141	10751	525	131	542	1673	38	12310	99,051	20,844	97,402	" Henry V. S. Myers.
·ange	24	19	2038	113	67	63	3	59	3713	65	34	501	907	27	2949	3,456	1,172	29,736	" Herman C. Berg.
oughkeepsie	11	17	1218	100	44	35	0	44	2332	38	41	....	94	18	1648	5,292	2,929	27,665	" A. P. VanGeison.
estchester	14	21	1246	62	83	45	1	21	2183	48	25	190	324	16	2205	4,229	1,291	38,199	" William P. Bruce.
Total	175	236	21171	2005	1130	885	57	539	36570	2113	722	8001	8658	359	43904	$134,150	$45,044	$388,054	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by sub committee on each of the Classes, and the reports were severally accepted, and are as follows:

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee on the Classical Minutes of Hudson would respectfully report that they have examined the minutes and find them neatly and correctly kept.

T. STOEBENER.

Classis of Kingston.—The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Classis of Kingston respectfully reports that it has done so, and find them neatly and correctly kept.

CHARLES B. CHAPIN, *Chairman.*
ABNER SHAFER.

North Classis of Long Island.—Your Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the North Classis of Long Island would respectfully report that the actions of that Classis have been correctly recorded, and recommend that the minutes be approved.

J. FREDERICK BERG,
N. B. HUNTER.

South Classis of Long Island.—Your Committee appointed to inspect the minutes of the South Classis of Long Island, reports that they have examined the same and find them in order, and recommend their approval by Synod.

DAVID M. HUNTER, *Chairman.*
EDWIN MOORE.

Classis of New York.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of New York would report that they have examined said records and find that they have been neatly and correctly kept.

PETER L. CORTELYOU, *Chairman.*
CHAS. W. FRITTS.

Classis of Orange.—Your Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Classis of Orange, found everything in order, and proper consideration given to the business of the churches committed to the care and oversight of Classis.

Signed,
F. V. VAN VRANKEN,
A. D. PIESTER.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie, respectfully reports that it has done so and finds them neatly and correctly kept.

F. W. SHIELD, *Chairman.*
AARON P. GARRABRANT.

Classis of Westchester.—Your Committee to whom was referred the minutes of the Classis of Westchester for inspection, would report that they have examined the same and find that they have been correctly kept, and that the business of Classis has been regularly transacted. We recommend that the minutes be approved.

THOMAS H. MacKENZIE.
ALFRED H. SCHLESINGER.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

The Committee reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Overtures would respectfully report: There has been placed in our hands an overture from the Classis of Westchester requesting the transfer of the Church of Melrose from the bounds of said Classis to the Classis of New York. The reasons given for this request in the overture, appeal to your committee. We are informed that official notice of this application has been duly given to the Church of Melrose, and in the absence of any communication from that church your Committee feel justified in asserting the acquiesence of the Church of Melrose in this request. We therefore recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the request of the Classis of Westchester for the transfer of the Church of Melrose to the Classis of New York, be and the same hereby is granted.

H. C. BERG, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Reported on by the Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon after the organization was passed in devotional exercises led by the Vice President.

The first half hour of the Wednesday morning session was also spent in devotional exercises led by the President.

The bar of the house was fixed.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the evening of the first day, immediately after the Synodical Sermon. The form was read by the President of Synod. The bread was administered by the Rev. A. D. W. Mason. The cup by the Rev. C. L. Wells. The element of the bread was distributed by Elders Cortelyou, Glenney, Hunter, Moore, and that of the wine by Elders Shafer, Harder, Preslie, Garrabrant.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the President appoint a Committee of Arrangements, of which the Pastor of this Church shall be a member, to fix the hours of meeting and adjournment of the sessions of this Synod and of the religious exercises, to select those who shall assist at the services connected with the Synodical sermon, to appoint the Ministers and Elders who are to administer and distribute the elements of the Lord's Supper, and to set the time for the reading of the papers and the hearing of the representatives of the Boards of the Church.

The President appointed as such Committee the Revs. E. C. Oggel, J. F. Berg and Elder VanWagenen.

In accordance with their report, which was ac-

cepted and adopted, the services were conducted on Tuesday evening as recorded. The representatives of the Boards and the readers of the papers were heard as recorded, and the sessions and services began and adjourned at the hours fixed therefor.

On motion

The following committee, consisting of the Revs. Charles Park and H. C. Berg and Elder Moore, were appointed to prepare a minute in regard to the death of the Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, D. D., late Stated Clerk of the Synod. The Committee reported. Report accepted and adopted, and is as follows :

The Particular Synod mindful of the loss sustained by our ministry in the death of the Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, D. D., for 17 years the Stated Clerk of this body, and in affectionate appreciation of his services to the Synod as a most faithful official—his historical attainments, civic and denominational, which enabled him to render work of value to the history of the State of New York and the R. C. A., his skill as a sermonizer, his labors in the pastorate, all causes us to mourn his death as a loss to both Church and State.

We beg to offer our sympathy to his family, and pray that the precious consolations of the Comforter may be granted unto them. We thankfully rejoice in his promotion to and the possession of the fulfilled promise, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." We pray that this noble and industrious life so variously useful and successful in the excellence of its example, may long influence our living and laboring in the Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES PARK,
HERMAN C. BERG,
EDWIN MOORE.

A paper was read Tuesday afternoon, during the hour of devotion, by the Rev. T. H. MacKenzie, on the "Psychology of Conversion," and one on Wednesday morning by the Rev. William P. Bruce, on "Lessons From the Hall of Fame."

On motion it was

Resolved, That the authors of the above papers be requested by the Synod to procure the publication of these papers in the "Christian Intelligencer."

At the Wednesday morning session the Rev. L. R. Scudder, M. D., was heard on behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. J. G. VanSlyke, D. D., on behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions.

On motion the Rev. A. D. W. Mason was heard by the Synod in the interest of Church Literature and Young People's work.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod requests the Classes to direct their Consistories to appoint a Committee on Missionary Literature, in every church, to introduce, if possible, our missionary literature in every family within their bounds.

Resolved, That the Young People's work be once more recommended to our Churches, Young People's Societies and Sunday Schools, and that they be urged to co-operate with existing agencies in the dissemination of missionary intelligence and the gathering of funds for the missionary work of our own donomination.

On motion

The Rev. G. E. Talmage was heard on the subject of the Federation of Churches and Christian Workers in the State of New York.

The following were appointed to represent this Synod in the work of Church Federation: Revs. C. B. Chapin, Charles Park, and Elder John S. Bussing.

It was also

Resolved, That the Classis be recommended to pay a sum equivalent to two mills per member to the Treasurer of the Federation of Churches, for the advancement of the work.

The following action was also taken:

WHEREAS, The Directors of the Pan-American Exposition have decided to keep the gates of the Exposition open on Sundays in the face of the requests of nearly two million petitioners,

Resolved, That we as a Synod do enter our most solemn and earnest protest against this action of the Directors, and pray them to reverse their decision.

Resolved, That the Ministers of our Churches be requested to preach upon the Sabbath question, on Sunday, May 19th, emphasizing the duty and danger of the hour with reference to the decision of the Directors of the Exposition.

The Committee on Nominations brought in the following resolution, which was adopted:

In examining the nominations of delegates to General Synod from the Classis of New York it seems to your Committee that the Classis of New York is entitled to six delegates instead of five, and would ask the permission of Synod to add another delegate primarius and secundus.

The presence of the Rev. E. C. Scudder of the Classis of New York, and of the Revs. W. A. Dumont and P. W. Pitcher of the Classis of Poughkeepsie, and of Rev. Wilmer MacNair of the Classis of Rari-

tan, and of Revs. C. E. Lasher, J. Millett and T. F. Bayles, of the Classis of Kingston, was recognized, and they were invited to sit as corresponding members.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations be requested to select persons for reading papers at the next regular meeting of this Synod.

The Committee recommended that the following be appointed to read papers of their own selection at the next annual meeting of the Synod: Revs. John K. Allen, D. D., Primarus, Alfred Dunscombe, Secundus; Revs. William Bancroft Hill, Primarus, Charles Park. Secundus.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to procure the printing of 300 copies of the minutes of this session of Synod.

On motion the following were excused: Revs. C. L. Wells, F. V. Van Vranken, F. K. Shield, C. S. Wyckoff, and Elders Harder, Miller and Cortelyou.

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New York convened in the Reformed Church of New Paltz, tenders its thanks to the Church, its genial Pastor, its elect ladies, its big-hearted men, for hospitalities both gracious and abundant.

Resolved, That this Synod addresses its prayers to the God of all Grace and the Giver of Every Good and Perfect Gift, for great blessings upon the Church of Jesus Christ in New Paltz, upon the Schools, and community life and interests.

Resolved, That Synod desires to put on record the sense of the stimulus to the historic spirit, and the inspiration to Christian faith and hope in the holding

its sessions in a church, this Church of New Paltz, whose own uninterrupted history illustrates the rise and progress of Protestant Christianity, from the experiences of the "Church under the Cross," and the "Lily Among the Thorns" on through the centuries, to the present hour of Peace and Prosperity.

ARTICLE XX.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

The Treasurer presented the following account, which was referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts, and their report which was accepted and adopted, is as follows:

The Committe on the Treasurer's Report respectfully report that they have examined the report of the Treasurer and the Treasurer's Accounts and compared them with the vouchers and find that they are accurately kept and that there is a balance due to the Particular Synod at this date of $287.19.

They also request permission to submit the following resolutions to Synod for their consideration and adoption:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be and he is hereby directed to lay upon the Classis for the coming year the usual assessment for the Expense Fund of Synod.

Resolved, That in view of the long and faithful services of the late Rev. Dr. Daniel Van Pelt, and as a testimonial of Synod to their regard for the memory of their brother, that the Treasurer of Particular

Synod be directed to continue the salary of the late Rev. Dr. Van Pelt for one year from date, and to pay the same to Mrs. Van Pelt, with a suitable expression of the regard and sympathy of the Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. D. W. MASON,
ALEXANDER SHAW,
CHARLES S. WYCKOFF,
THOMAS MILLER,
I. O. MERRIHEW.

Dr. PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK IN ACCOUNT WITH THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, TREASURER. Cr.

1900.				1900.			
May 21.	To Cash	paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, D. D., for postage and stationery . .	$ 4 93	May 2.	By Cash	balance from old account . .	$197 72
"	"	paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, D. D., for bag for documents, &c . .	1 80	July 5.	"	from R. M. Shepard, Esq., Treas. Classis of Hudson .	27 00
"	"	paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, D. D., for traveling expenses as Stated Clerk	4 90	July 31.	"	from Rev. Hasbrouck DuBois, Treas. Classis of New York.	65 00
"	"	paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, D. D., for doorkeeper at Rhinebeck, N. Y.	5 00	Oct. 16.	"	from Rev. Herman Hageman, Treas. Classis of Kingston .	38 00
"	"	paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, D. D., for salary as Stated Clerk for year ending May 1, 1901 . . .	100 00	Oct. 22.	"	from H. L. Garrison, Esq., Treas. Classis of Westchester	32 00
July 5.	"	paid Board of Publication, R. C. A., for 300 minutes of 1900 . .	144 90	Oct. 23.	"	from Rev. John S. Gardner, Treas. South Classis of Long Island	51 00
1901.				1901.			
May 1.	"	Balance due Synod to new acct .	287 19	March 7.	"	from Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D. D., Treasurer Classis of Poughkeepsie	28 00
				M'ch 14.	"	from Herman H. Shook, Esq., Treas. North Classis of Long Island	60 00
				M'ch 28.	"	from Rev. Sheldon Vandeburg, Treas. Classis of Orange . .	50 00
			$548 72				$548 72

E. E. New York, May 1, 1901.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, Treasurer.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

Classis of Arcot.

Rev. L. R. Scudder, M. D.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. F. V. Van Vranken,	Elder Frank B. Hardee,
" F. K. Shield,	" Thomas Miller,
" Charles E. Corwin,	" Abm. Peister.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. E. Compton,	Elder Wm. McIntyre.
" Charles Park,	" A. P. Pitcher,
" Charles Maar,	" P. H. Yeator.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. C. E. Lasher,	Elder Charles A. Clearwater,
" H. Hageman,	" M. S. Davis,
" J. Millett,	" Wm. Reisenburgher.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. L. MacNair,	Elder William Palen,
" George Davis,	" Henry Ten Hagen,
" E. C. Oggel, D. D.,	" Jesse Elting.

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Daniel P. Doyle,	Elder Olef Jonson,
" Robert H. Barr, Ph. D.,	" William Boyd,
" Jas. S. N. Demarest,	" A. J. Debevoise,
" Wm. H. Jackson,	" David Master,
" A. G. F. Bender,	" Charles Beckman.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Alfred Duncombe,	Elder D. S. Wooley,
" John C. Rauscher,	" John Hahn,
" C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, D. D.,	" Henry C. Kosfman,
" Howard W. Ennis,	" M. Fackenthal,
" Louis Francis, D. D.,	" Wm. Nason.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. D. Adam,	Elder Hon. H. D. VanOrden,
" D. Rapalje,	" H. T. Gray,
" W. T. E. Adams,	" A. Bennett,
" L. Goebel,	" John F. Berry.

SECUNDI.

Rev. P. V. Van Buskirk,	Elder John H. Ditmas,
" Rev. F. C. Erhardt,	" George Pool,
" J. M. Farrar, D. D.,	" John F. Van Pelt,
" E. F. See,	" Cornelius Buys.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, D. D.,	Elder W. N. Clark,
" A. H. Demarest,	" J. S. Bussing,
" A. E. Kittredge, D. D.,	" C. A. Runk,
" D. J. Burrell, D D.,	" W. T. Demarest,
" J. B. Voorhees,	" W. H. Jackson,
" Jacob Ganss,	" Peter Donald.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D. D.,	Elder Theo. Walser,
" Rev. T. O. Lowe,	" J. A. Briggs,
" Rev. J. H. Oerter, D. D.,	" A. P. Garrabrant,
" J. W. Geyer,	" William Maul,
" H. V. S. Myers, D. D.,	" E. B. Horton,
" Wm. Vaughan,	" Kenyon Pyatt.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. A. Thurston,	Elder J. J. Sherwood,
" J. C. Forbes,	" A. H. Garrison,
" E. O. Moffett,	" A. S. Decker,
" Sheldon Vandeburg,	" Luther Seymour.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Henry Unglaub,	Elder George Weyrauch,
" Rev. Andrew J. Meyer,	" L. A. Marthis,
" R. H. Beattie,	" B. B. Odell,
" S. W. Mills, D. D.,	" E. M. Gordon.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. C. W. Fritts, D. D.,	Elder H. B. Rosa,
" C. S. Hageman, D. D,	" S. C. Van Wyck,
" J. E. Lyall,	" Wm. E. Smith.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Ernest Clapp,	Elder M. E. Curtis,
" Wm. B. Hill,	" J. A. Van Wagner.
" Wm. A. Dumont.	" John M. Pelton.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. David Cole, D. D.,	Elder E. S. Reynolds,
G. A. T. Goebel,	" C. W. Van Court,
A. F. Mabon,	" J. A. Thurton.

SECUNDI.

Rev. W. S. C. Webster,	Elder A. W. Newman,
" C. H. Tyndall, Ph. D.,	" Francis Bacon,
" Henri De Vries,	" Henry Seeley.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTION TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned to meet in regular annual session on the first Tuesday of May, 1902, at 3 o'clock, the place of the meeting to be announced in the columns of the Christian Intelligencer by the President and Stated Clerk, who, on motion, were made a committee to select the place.

ARTICLE XXIV.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved. The roll was called and the Synod adjourned after prayer, and the pronouncing of the Benediction by the President.

(*Signed,*)

W. P. BRUCE, *President.*
A. HAGEMAN, *Vice President.*

CHARLES S. WYCKOFF,
DAVID M. HUNTER,
Temporary Clerks.

ATTEST: A true copy.

HERMAN HAGEMAN,
Stated Clerk.

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North Classis of Long Island.—Revs. James Demarest, D. D., August Guenther. *Elders*—

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ARTICLE III.

The Rev. J. E. Lyall was elected President and the Rev. Charles Park was elected Vice-President. The Revs. John Vander Meulen and George Z. Collier were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

The minutes of the Session of 1901 were read.

The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschooten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order was suspended by unanimous consent.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following Standing Committees were appointed.

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES—Revs. H. de Vries, H. Unglaub, L. B. Chamberlain. *Elders*—N. B. Hunter, John Harder.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.—*Arcot*— ——— ——— *Hudson*—Rev. C. J. Scudder. *Elder*—Gerard Beekman. *Kingston*—Rev. P. V. Van Buskirk. *Elder*—John Tanner. *North Long Island*—Rev. C. E. Lasher. *Elder*—John Harder *South Long Island*—Rev. W. E. Compton. *Elder*—G. B. Boyd. *New York*—Rev. W. B. Hill. *Elder*—C. A. Mapes. *Orange*—Rev. J. H. Suydam. *Elder*—F. R. Benjamin. *Poughkeepsie*—Rev. W. P. Bruce. *Elder.*—N. B. Hunter. *Westchester.*—Rev. J. Millett. *Elder*—J. C. Evans.

ON CLASSICAL REPORTS AND STATE OF RELIGION.—Revs. W. P. Bruce, P. W. Pitcher, J. F. Dobbs. *Elders.* J. C. Evans, Gerard Beekman.

ON TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS—Revs. C. E. Lasher, James Demarest, C. J. Scudder. *Elders*—John Tanner, C. A. Mapes.

ON OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS—Revs. J. H. Suydam, W. E. Compton, J. Millett. *Elders*—John Harder, Gerard Beekman.

ON NOMINATIONS.—Revs. S. T. Searle, E. G. W. Meury, P. V. Van Buskirk. *Elders*—G. B. Boyd, F. R. Benjamin.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from the Board of Foreign Missions, informing the Synod that the Board had authorized the Rev. J. W. Conklin to present the interest of said Board before the Synod, was read and referred to the Committee on arrangements.

A Communication from the Board of Domestic Missions, informing the Synod that the Rev. W. W. Clark had been appointed its representative at this session of the Synod, was read and referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

A communication from the Rev. F. B. Seeley, pastor of the Fair Street Reformed Church, Kingston, N. Y., inviting the Synod to hold its next annual session in his church was read, and the invitation was accepted with thanks.

A paper prepared by the Rev. James Demarest on church extension was read and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted :

Your Committee begs leave to report that it has had placed in its hands the Minutes of the General Synod of 1901, also the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick and Albany.

After a careful examination of the same your committee has found nothing that required the attention of this Synod.

HENRY DE VRIES, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany and New Brunswick were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on Classical Reports on the State of Religion reported. It was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report:

Statistical Tables and Reports from the Classical Committees on State of Religion have been received from every Classis. These have been examined and in accordance with instructions given by Synod a year ago compared with the reports of the past five years. All the Classes show a considerable gain with the exception of Poughkeepsie and Kingston which have moved forward slowly, and Westchester which has just held its own numerically, though advancing in the column of offerings to denominational objects. The

reasons for pride are not numerous, though there is much to stimulate gratitude and arouse to action.

Gratitude for temporal blessings has been better expressed in the running narrative than in the column for benevolent offerings. Some with fat purses have made a poor showing in offerings. It is very true "that it requires a steady hand to carry a full cup."

Few people have such a genius for painting rainbows as some of our dear brethren in the ministry. We note that after repeated reports to Classis of no accessions or very few at most, they cherish the hope, apparently based more on bouyancy of nature than effort expended that the tide must change. In one instance where not an addition had been made for four consecutive years either on profession of faith or by certificate, the language of the pastor was, "the outlook for the future is hopeful."

Twenty-three churches have not had an accession on confession—and 17 not an accession on certificate or confession. Of these ten were without a pastor.

In 48 churches there were additions by confession of twelve or over. Here the tree of life on an average yielded its fruit every month. Only six had a trophy of grace to stand for every Sabbath day's work in the year. In not a single instance did the Lord add to a local church *daily* "such as were being saved."

Additions—on confession 2080, on certificates 1051 —total gain 3131. Losses—by dismission 808, suspension 57, death 631—total loss 1496. Apparent gain 1735, but the net gain is 1148 for 567 disappeared in the revision of 15 rolls. Under these 15 wandering stars 587 are dropped while 808 were regularly dismissed, conforming to the rule of the book. This back door exit from the ranks should be closed or at least

narrowed. Of course the floating population in the large cities to-day accounts for pastors and elders losing trace of members but the obligation of the member to keep the church informed of his or her whereabouts should be emphasized. Pastors should be urged to give both promptly and cheerfully a letter to those removing from their bounds and thus stop this alarming leak.

In the column of infant baptisms we find a strange proportion. On basis of membership roll the following rate is observed :

Arcot has 301 baptisms to 2442 members, or 12.3 per cent. Hudson, 50 to 2142 members, or 2.3 per cent. Kingston, 72 to 2894 members, or 2.2 per cent. North Long Island, 409 to 4462 members, or 9.1 per cent. South Long Island, 264 to 6211 members, or 4.2 per cent. New York, 591 to 11,652 members, or 5.07 per cent. Orange, 97 to 3695 members, or 2.6 per cent. Poughkeepsie, 41 to 2306 members, or 1.7 per cent. Westchester, 60 to 1914 members, or 3.1 per cent.

The study of the statistics along the death column is very interesting. A new terror is added to the Hymn :

> " Dear Lord and shall we ever live,
> At this poor dying rate."

The Classis of Orange reported 87 deaths on a roll of 3695 members ; that is 2.3 per cent. New York reports 117 on a roll of 11,652 a trifle over 1 per cent. In 50 churches the angel of death cut a swath as wide or wider than the additions on confession of faith. That is, as many were carried out for burial as were added to the roll by spiritual birth.

May God make us more faithful in declaing His

truth, and more watchful over the household of faith, that next year we may come with a better record of work done in His name.

The various reports are given in detail and appended hereto.

WM. P. BRUCE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

Your Committee desires first to call the attention of members of Classis to Section 7 Article 6, which reads: "It shall be the duty of the several consistories to make a statistical report to the Classis at their meeting immediately preceeding the annual meetings of the Particular and General Synod, according to such formula as the General Synod shall prescribe, and accompany the same with such remarks on the Spiritual State of the Congregation as they may deem proper." Some Consistories do not strictly carry out the above requirement. Several made their reports only through their Station Missionary. Others send no reports at all, except the Statistical tables. It should be borne in mind that every Consistory is directly responsible *to the Classis*, not to the Mission, and each Consistory is in duty bound to report on the spiritual condition of its church to the Classis. To report to the Mission is one thing; to report to the Classis is another thing, and merely reporting to the Mission is to reckon the authority of the Mission above the Classis, which is a great mistake.

The statistical table shows that 144 persons have

been received into the 24 churches of the Classis on confession, during the year; and 184 on certificate. But as 262 have removed, 48 have been suspended, and 63 have died, there is only a net gain of 7 communicants over last year. This is a very small advance, and should call for deep heart searching on the part of Pastors and Elders. Four churches, Vellambi, Allien-dal, Narasuiganur and Sekadu, have not admitted a single soul on confession during the twelve months. Palmaner, Varikkal and Kandiputtur have admitted only one; Sattambadi, Marutuvambadi, Coonoor and Velleripett, only two; Arni and Tindivanam but 3; The Churches of Yehamur, Chittoor, Kolapakkam and Katpadi have had the largest accessions, having received 35, 15, 14, and 13 new members respectively. The column of Communicants is the part of the statistical table that is most carefully considered by our General Synod, and the growth of our church is largely judged according to the increase or otherwise under this head. Turning to the column of Baptised, we find that 194 adults and 804 children were baptised; but 575 baptized people have either removed or died, so that there has scarcely been any net increase. Of unbaptized adherents, 398 adults and 459 children were received from heathenism, and the gain in total number of Christian community is 308 above last year. It is encouraging to find that nothwithstanding the famine times, the contributions of the churches were Rs. 229. 4.6. more than the previous year, and the gain was largely under that given for congregational purposes. The churches are more and more feeling their responsibility in the matter of pastoral support as well as in the care of their church buildings. Rev. Dr. Cobb, Secretary of the Board, in a letter to the Secretary of the Mission, expressed surprise that the congregations in the Arcot Mission should continue to use American

money for the repair of their church buildings. It is hoped that the time will soon come when all the churches of the Classis will meet their entire congregational expenses. Let us now consider some of the consistorial reports:

Arni reports a fairly prosperous year. The church has increased its contributions and has called candidate Cephas Whitehead as Pastor. The church has lost Elder J. Alexander, who died suddenly, leaving a good testimony before the heathen. *Vellambi* has a Bajanai Gangam which meets every Saturday, and is doing much to arouse interest among the young. *Alliendal* continues to be the same little church with little or no growth. *Gnanodiam* and *Sattambadi*, as well as *Marutuvambadi* have suffered much because of the famine. The Christians have however, continued to be strong in the faith, and have not yielded to the promises of worldly assistance held out by the Roman Catholics. The pastor of these churches, Rev. Moses Nathaniel, thanks God for giving him such good health in his old age which enables him to take long journeys to visit the churches. *Chittoor* and *Kottapalli* speak of great spiritual awakening among the church officers, and influential Christians. Although cholera and famine have been severe, yet God seems to have used these visitations of his Providence to quicken the spiritual life of His people. Chittoor is the banner church of the Classis in the amount of contributions reported. It has made great progress in every respect during the last few years. *Coonoor* has had the services of the veteran missionary pastor Dr. Jacob Chamberlain. The dissensions that have disturbed the peace of the church for so long, have been settled and harmony now prevails. Although the financial ability of the people has declined, yet the contributions have

increased, and the church is desirous of a native pastor. *Madanapalle* has had a good year, reporting several conversions among high caste people, and 39 baptisms from poorer classes. The Christian Endeavor Society has been a great blessing to the congregation of the town. The church is too small to accommodate the congregation and it is hoped to erect another edifice in a central place in the town. *Palmaner* has had the joy of receiving several families from heathenism, and thus the beginning of an indigenous church has been laid in this hard and stony soil. At the time of the recent Mission meeting 21 souls were baptized. The church mourns the death of Elder J. T. Timothy whose loss is deeply felt. *Tindivanam* has had to use the rod of discipline and suspend an unruly member. Here also the C. E. Society is a useful instrument in developing the life of the church. The distant congregation at Wandiwash continues to show good progress in Divine things. *Orattur*, *Narasuiganur* and *Velleripett* send an interesting report, but no numerical growth is shown. Two godly women have died, leaving a powerful testimony for Christ among Christian and heathen. The churches have paid the whole amount promised to their pastor. The pastor rejoices that strength is given to him in his old age to visit the 16 congregations under his charge, and minister to them in spiritual things. Famine has prevailed during a portion of the year, and gratitude is expressed for the help sent from America to relieve the distress. *Gingee*, *Varikkal*, and *Kolapakkam*. These three churches are under one pastor, Kolapakkam is the only one of the three which shows much advance. The Christians have remained firm during the trying times of famine, and thanks are tendered for the timely help to the children and the aged through the Conjee totties

(kitchen to supply food) and to the other people through relief work and donations for seed grain. The Bajanai Gangam have done much good in this field. The Harvest Festival offerings had to be used to make up the deficiency in the pastor's salary. *Ranipett* has been disturbed by quarrels and disorders, and some had to be suspended, but the discipline administered has helped to purify the church. Two new villages of ten families each are connected with the church. *Yehamur* reports 32 adults and 50 children newly baptized. Four new villages have been received. Famine has been severe, and the help from America has kept many a poor Christian from dying. This church continues to be the banner village church of the Classis in benevolence and all good works. *Vellore* sends a full report and shows a great variety of organized work carried on by the church; evangelistic, Sunday-school, Christian Endeavor, Y. M. C. A., etc. This church is developing into a great power in the large town of Vellore, and making its influence felt upon the non-christian community. *Katpadi* states that 39 souls were newly admitted into the fold by baptism, nine of whom were admitted to the communion. The church has found it difficult to support its pastor on account of the famine. *Kandiputtur* and *Sekadu* also report distress from the famine. A new village of ten families has embraced Christianity, largely through the efforts of the C. E. Society.

On the whole, while we regret so little advance during the first year of the new century, yet we may be thankful that there is no general loss. Those who signed cards at the beginning of the the year, promising to endeavor to bring souls to Christ must neither be discouraged nor relax in their endeavors, but during

the present year strive to redouble their efforts, and by God's grace to gather some souls into the kingdom.

Respectfully Submitted.

J. H. WYCKOFF.

For the Chairman.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

Your Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to submit the following report:

All the Churches of the Classis are now supplied with ministers and the regular preaching of the Word, and Consistorial reports have been received from them all. The tone of these reports is in general very hopeful. A most delightful spirit of harmony seems to prevail throughout the Classis, and there is no faltering of courage even where conditions have been unfavorable. A noticeable feature in the reports is in the number of Churches that have been making extensive repairs and improvements in their houses of worship, and in every case the gifts of the people have fully met the expense. It is also a matter of special interest that the youngest church in the Classis comes this year to the close of the first decade in its history. The Classis extends to the church at Philmont their heartiest congratulations; and we gladly join with them in thanksgiving to God for the story of the happy and fruitful life which their report brings to us. May the joy and power of the Holy Spirit's presence continue to abide with them through a long history yet to be written.

In comparing the Statistical Summary with that

of last year the following encouraging facts are to be noticed: Although the number of removals by death and dismissal has been larger, there has been a gain in communicant membership of 24; and this gain has been in those received on confession of faith. The number of catechumens is larger by 161, and the Sunday School enrollment has increased 117. The contributions for congregational expenses has been nearly $6,000 larger; and there has been an increase in the benevolent offerings of the churches of more than $1,600. We regret, however, that the increase is in the offerings to other objects than those of our own denominational work.

The abstract of the Consistorial reports is as follows:

First Claverack.—The Church at Claverack reports a year of earnest and happy endeavor. Extensive repairs, costing a little more than $1,000, have been made on the church, all the expense having been most willingly met by the congregation, with the help of the Ladies' Aid Society. The benevolent offerings have not decreased, and for foreign missions the gifts have exceeded the apportionment.

Gallatin.—This Church also reports extensive repairs, including repainting and refurnishing. The expense has been met by popular subscription, revealing a beautiful spirit of love for the Lord's house. The pastor's salary has been substantially increased. The spiritual condition of the church is most encouraging.

Germantown.—The congregation at Germantown joyfully reports a year of the right hand of the Lord. The discord noted in the last report has become extinct, the religious services have been exceptionally well sustained, special evangelistic services were held in

January, and 28 were added to the church as the fruits. The missionary appeal has taken deeper hold, and contributions have increased. Repairs and improvements have been made without incurring debt. The church thanks God and takes courage.

Greenport.—It has been a year of mingled clouds and sunshine for the church. The losses by death and removal have been unusual. Two Elders and the last of the charter members of the church have been called to their reward. The old-time character of the population is changing, and the incoming foreign element is difficult to reach. The sunshine is seen in improvements on the church building, made and paid for, in additions to the membership at every communion for two years, and in the harmony and goodwill apparent throughout the congregation.

Hudson.—The Church at Hudson sends a statistical report that speaks of a year of fruitful life. Contributions for benevolent objects have been generous. The apportionment for both Domestic and Foreign Missions has been more than met.

Linlithgo.—The year has been one of encouragement. The services of the Lord's house have been well attended. Harmony seems to prevail. Of the nine received on confession of faith four were heads of families.

Livingston at Linlithgo.—The record for the year speaks of progress and steady growth along every line. The work among the children and the young people has been especially blessed.

Mellenville.—More than the usual number have been dismissed from this church to other churches, but there has been also a good number of accessions. A more healthful prayer-meeting life has been developed

and there has been a better sustained spiritual interest. Local industrial depression continues, but, nevertheless a slight gain is reported in contributions.

Philmont.—The Church of Philmont makes its first decennial report. Organized March 30th 1892, with 122 members, it has received in the ten years 207 additions; 132 on confession of faith. Before the church had called a pastor it entered the following minute on the records: "It was decided to take collections for the seven Boards of our Church." This spirit of benevolence has characterized her whole history, and has been one of the secrets of her success. In the ten years the church has given in benevolent offerings $8,777.85. and in contributions for congregational purposes $25,313.43; a total for all purposes of about $34,000. During the last year great improvements have been made in the church building. These have included the building of a tower and an enlarged entrance to the church, the fitting up of a Sunday School room, the addition of a church parlor, and kitchen, the redecorating and recarpeting of the audience room, and the introduction of steam heat, and acetyline gas. The expense has been nearly $4,000, and no debt has been incurred. The church has gained in membership, the Sabbath School, with a large Home Department, is prosperous, and the Young People's Society has taken a new start. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Upper Red Hook.—This Church gratefully records a year of quiet faithfulness on the part of the members of the congregation. Its lot is that of rural parishes in general at the present time. A mixed population is superseding a once homogeneous population. It is difficult to supply the places of fathers and mothers as they pass on, and the flower of the youth find their

careers in the distant, growing centers. Yet we seek to keep good courage and to do our utmost.

West Copake.—The year has been an ordinary one, except for some unusual difficulties caused by bad weather and roads, and illness in the congregation. These unfavorable conditions largely account for the falling off that is reported in the gifts to benevolence. All the financial obligations have been met and a small floating debt has been paid. The church mourns the loss by death of an Elder who has several times represented the Classis in General and Particular synods.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The Rev. E. W. Green was received from the Classis of Monmouth May 16, 1901 and was installed Pastor of the Linlithgo Chnrch, May 16, 1901.

The Rev. D. F. Williams was dismissed to the Classis of Albany, Oct. 10, 1901.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. BURRELL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The Committee on the State of Religion, reports as follows :

All Consistories but Krumville have sent in reports. Some are incomplete, hence, no true analysis of the statistics can be made. From a rapid survey of the totals in contrast with the previous year's report there appears in most instances a decrease or loss. In

view of the predictions a year ago we have not reached our anticipations. Happy are we in noting that there has been a gain over last year in recruiting from the army of the aliens. The churches setting forth the greatest number of converts are The Clove and Marbletown each reporting seventeen, the former among the youth, the latter among adults. But there appears a total loss in the number now in communion of 84. Of this loss much is traceable to dismissions and deaths. There is a gleam of hope in this in that we still hold the fort. May not the question be pregnant with thought, are we receiving returns commensurate with the outlay and effort expended?

Bloomingdale, reports that, "business depression." "and the baneful and blasting influence of a *Trust*." are the operating causes for the loss of 50 families and between 60–70 members of the church, and the end not yet. However, faith in God and unity of purpose sustain the remnant.

The Clove, is grateful for divine mercy. Three of their veterans passed through the dark valley. Joy is in their hearts because the lambs of the flock are being welcomed into the fold of the church in goodly numbers. Problems press for place but consecration, thought and prayer will be used to displace them. Clove Chapel renovated and beautified within and without through its loving friend, Mr. John S. Bussing, rejoicingly observed the 25th anniversary of its erection.

Dashville Falls, is divinely knit together awaiting its spiritual enrichment when its under-shepherd is there and goes in and out among them.

Gardiner sends statistics only.

Guilford, regrets its period of seedsowing, prayerfully, studiously and convincingly set forth, was not

immediately followed by rich harvests. Notwithstanding hindering influences of winter weather, faith is in the lead and will bring them into their own showers of blessing.

Hurley's prosperity and peaceful condition enabled it to exceed the demands upon it for denominational needs. Its centennial was observed in the beautifying of its temple.

Kingston closes its year with gains in membership though it sings its dirge for some who have gone before and whose places among them will not be easy to fill. Zeal and gratitude are, however, expected to lead them to other conquests.

Lyonsville comes in the garb of statistics.

Marbletown demonstrates the virile forces of preaching and perseverance. Of members received on confession, sixteen were adults, for the most part, heads of families. The earmarks of its recent growth in spiritual things evidence the power of the Holy Spirit to convince and convict. Prayer, preaching and pastoral work have brought peace and prosperity. Celebrating the Jubilee of the dedication of their temple they anticipate a forward movement during the coming fifty years through the consecration, courage and consolidation of their congregation.

North Marbletown.—Its church razed, its people divided by the waters of Esopus, still continues. Though it conceals its doings behind some statistics, yet the divine light is aflame in the hearts and homes of its members. Services in the "little red school house" across the creek, most eloquently testify of the attendance and attention upon the preached word.

New Paltz, finds a sustaining power in the performance of simple duties. Wallkill weather was un-

suited for the usual, liberal responses of persons and pelf on those special occasions when much is expected of them for benevolence. Yet they proved themselves high and dry on the saloon question by their generous gifts to the anti-saloon league. Under their able leader the forces of the W. C. T. U., and the Y. P. S. C. E., used their influence upon our lawmakers to suppress the would-be law-breakers of our Christian Sabbath in New York City, with beneficent results. They commendably speak of our Governor for his courageous attitude on the same question. The Ladies Aid come in for a due meed of praise. Thanksgiving is present in the fact of their pastor completing his sixth year among them. Pleading for men in the place of prayer, shepherding ones among the lambs, and witnesses to the good confession are pointers for progress.

Rochester, sits in sackcloth and ashes. July 18th. heaven's lightning took their temple. Reporting a year ago the liquidation of all indebtedness, under the wise leadership of their faithful pastor the future was rosy with signs of spiritual blessings. Today they are pastorless. Buffeted as they have been by weather and the loss of their place of worship, they have nevertheless kept on. Above the ashes of the old has been erected a new tabernacle, its corner stone fittingly placed on the 26th of last December, and its doors soon to be thrown open for the resumption of divine worship. As their aged and beloved pastor retires from the activities of so large and exacting a pastorate he breathes a prayer for their continued consecration and that this trial of their faith may bring forth more largely and openly the fruits of the spirit.

Rosendale is evidencing the need of settled pastoral care and bewails the loss of its church records.

Rosendale Plains can only present some statistics.

St. Remy is undergoing the sanctifying influences which make for a deeper dependence on the strong arm of God. To them the well of grit and grace is inexhaustible, especially when their sturdy leader draws the bucket.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The Rev. C. L. Clist was received from the Presbytery of Nassau and installed Pastor of the Marbletown Church, July 16, 1901.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. T. F. Bayles and the church at Gardiner was disolved and Mr. Bayles was dismissed to the Classis of Passaic, January 6, 1902.

The Rev. H. C. Van Haagen resigned from the churches of Rosendale and Rosendale Plains and was dismissed to the Classis of Rensselaer April 3, 1902.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. CLIST, *Chairman*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion of the North Classis of Long Island respectfully submits the following report:

Jamaica only sends statistical table.

Newtown reports: The year has been one of usual growth. We have large expectations for the future made more hopeful by reason of the temporal

blessings bestowed on us during the last year. It is but just for us to note and record in this way, the legacy of $5,000 coming to the church by Mrs. Ida A. Van Alst. Besides we expect the realization soon of the bequests made by Cornelius S. DeBevoise, which are likely to bring us over $50,000. Both bequests are gratefully appreciated by us, and we render our thanks for them to Almighty God.

Oyster Bay.—No report.

North Hempstead.—The attendance has been larger and more uniform. A pastor has been called to officiate at one of the chapels. Improvements have been made. Parsonage and church building were put in excellent condition.

Williamsburg.—Because of the death and removal of staunch members, it is a struggle to maintain a full and aggressive work. We are thankful to record accessions at each communion. Our church life is peaceful. All the organized agencies of the church are faithful and active. There is a steady increase in attendance upon the preaching service.

Astoria.—The past year has been a year of steady growth. Our attendance has been excellent in the morning and large in the evening. Astoria is still in the state of transition, people come and go. On this account we can not expect the marked progress we would like. Our S. S., has grown and is growing.

Flushing.—Pastorless for a year, the church inevitably dragged along. But now the spirit is splendid, and we hope to make up for arrears in classical contributions etc., in coming days. The pastor was ill seven weeks early in the year 1902, but he and his people are united more devotedly than ever. The

number of additions for the year is the highest on record.

Kent Street Brooklyn.—The record of the church during the past year is, on the whole an encouraging one. The record of the missionary and benevolent gifts has never been exceeded but once in the history of the church, being nearly one-half the amount raised for congregational purposes. The mission in connection with the church is maintaining its efficiency.

South Bushwick.—The church has prospered in every way. All the societies have grown. During the year a brotherhood of "Andrew and Philip" of 30 members, a sewing school of over 200 members, and a women's prayer meeting, both in English and in German have been started. A tablet to the late Dr. Hulst, costing $1,100 has been erected in the church. Many other improvements have been made.

German 2nd., Astoria.—We rejoice that for another year the blessing of God has rested upon us. Our collections for denominational objects exceed those of the previous year. We were enabled not only to meet our obligations financially, but we were also permitted to pay $1,288 of our church debt, a splendid indication of the spirit of harmony and Christian fellowship existing between the pastor and his people.

East Williamsburg.—No report.

Queens reports enlarged contributions both to congregational and benevolent purposes. Two large gifts to the Theological Seminary are especially mentioned.

German Evangelical Brooklyn.—Our church had a very wide field to work upon, the last year. We are getting out of our difficulties little by little. Renewed interest is being awakened in every direction.

Sayville.—In the year past God has blessed us in bestowing peace and harmony. Ten young members were received by confession. Comparing our condition with that of last year we can report progress.

Locust Valley.—Only statistical table.

College Point.—This church reports nothing of particular note in the history of the past year. There have been no special manifestations of spiritual awakening among the people.

First Long Island City.—This year, the first in our experience of self support, has been one of steady advance and general prosperity. The utmost harmony, co-operation and true Christain spirit prevail.

Bushwick.—The year in old Bushwick has been one of spiritual encouragement. Ten were received on confession of faith. We have liqudated a part of our indebtedness and repaired the roofs of our buildings.

German Evangelical, Jamaica, mourns the loss of a faithful Elder, Conrad Reuter. The church work in all its various branches is being vigorously carried on. The contributions to our Boards have been increased.

Hicksville feels very much encouraged. The spirit of God seems to be working amongst the young people; quite a number of whom have expressed their willingness to unite with the church on Whitsunday.

German Newtown reports the installation of its present pastor, the Rev. Lewis F. Sauerbrunn, Nov. 12, 1901, and that its people are looking forward to a brighter future.

Steinway only sends statistical table.

Church of Jesus.—The condition of our congre-

gation is hopeful and progressive. We organized an English S. S,, purchased a new organ and increased our building fund.

New Hyde Park.—No report.

Sunnyside L. I. City.—We rejoice to report that all our obligations have been met, and with a prayerful spirit we are pressing forward in the work. God is with us and preparing us for better service and larger results.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The following changes have taken place within the Bounds of the Classis during the year.

The Rev. Edward Niles was installed Pastor of the Reformed Church of South Bushwick, May 9, 1901.

The Rev. James R. Swain was installed Pastor of the Reformed Church of Flushing, May 27, 1901.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. A. G. F. Bender and the German 2nd. Reformed Church of Newtown was disolved Oct. 1, 1901.

Mr. Louis F. Saurbrunn, a licentiate, was received by certificate from the presbytery of Brooklyn, and was ordained and installed pastor of the German 2nd Reformed Church of Newtown, Nov. 12, 1901.

The pastoral relation of the Rev. Gustavus Watermuelder and the Reformed Church of Oyster Bay was dissolved Dec. 10, 1901, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Illinois.

The candidate Herman H. Shook was ordained and installed pastor of the Reformed Church of Locust Valley, Feb. 1902.

The following churches are at present without pastors: East Williamsburg, Oyster Bay, and New Hyde Park.

The statistical table is appended.

C. D. F. STEINFUHRER, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee on State of Religion would respectfully report:

It is impossible to make an accurate and full report since no word or line has been received from the First Church. It is difficult to make much of a report because some of the brethren have failed to send the necessary facts until the last second of the last moment. It will be seen therefore, that accurate totals, comparisons and deductions are impossible, through no fault of your Committee. From the several reports and tables at hand, it would appear that the year has been for the most part a quiet and uneventful one. A few churches have, however, had somewhat marked signs of growth. South Reformed shows a net gain of 39 and 100 new S. S., scholars. Bay Ridge, 21. Church on the Heights gained 48, but lost 39. New Brooklyn, shows a net gain of 22. Canarsie, of 23. Ocean Hill, 13. Twelfth Street, 81. In looking over the totals and supplying the omissions from the tables of last year, we find that the number of families remain about the same—gains and losses here and there. Gain by certificate and on confession about the same. There is a gain in the column of Congregational Expenses. Putting this column of totals over against the

net gain, we find that it had taken $90,000 to increase the roll of membership something like 300; or, it required more, much more, to get a convert to the church here in Christian Brooklyn, than it does in pagan India; and, most of all, this meager gain of 300 is from the S. S. I will not ask—does this pay—but is it not true that harder, better work would get larger results in the ingathering of souls into Christ's Church? If the First Church did as well as last year the total of benevolent offerings is about the same as formerly. There is a substantial gain in the S. S., column, which is the brightest spot in this report—a gain of six to seven hundred. In these days when the evangelist is discredited and conversions from the ranks of the world are so rare, the church must hold her youth or pass into a decline from which there will be no relief, until God in His providence and might shall raise up other and now unknown agencies for the bringing of men into His visible Kingdom. A church without a S. S., will soon be without a constituency.

Looking at the reports in particular, we find:

First Church.—No report.

Flatbush.—Attendance has increased. Gospel proclaimed with no uncertain sound. During the year a Young People's Association has been formed with about 100 members. Grace Chapel continues to prosper under the pastoral care of Rev. Charles S. Wykoff.

New Utrecht.—Stated services well maintained. A spirit of good-will prevails. Work of the year satisfactory.

Gravesend.—Means of grace were well attended. Wiped out last cent of debt and built comfortable parsonage without lessening the offerings to benevolence.

Flatlands.—Services well sustained and much interest manifested in all forms of Christian work. Larger number by letter than ever before. The S. S. grows and demands larger accommodations.

New Lots.—Population constantly changing and hard to hold our own as a church. The S. S. is flourishing.

East New York.—No remarks.

South Brooklyn.—Year marked by steady and substantial growth. S. S., on the increase all the while. Good results of examination and promotions, seen in number of older pupils who have identified themselves with the church. Spirit of love abounds.

***Twelfth Street.*—Large increase in attendance, especially at evening service. S. S., in flourishing condition. Benevolence doubled and more. Large increase of members. Finances in good condition.**

North Church.—This Church is more prosperous and hopeful. Attendance better, are busy raising funds for necessary repairs, encouraged by the promises of Classis to aid in the enterprise, have raised double the amount of last year for congregational expenses. The outlook is encouraging.

Church-On-The-Heights.—Statistical report.

Bethany Chapel. Statistical report.

New Brooklyn.—Services well attended. S, S., grows in numbers and interest, paid $1900 of the debt, leaving $2,000, making extensive preparation to celebrate semi-centennial of the church in October next.

Second Church of Flatbush.—Peace and harmony prevail. Sunday School especially flourshing. Parsonage repainted and other improvements made.

Canarsie.—Our Church never had such good prospects.

Bedford.—No report.

St. Thomas, W. I.—Rev. C. M. Perlee just settled over the church. Delightful and profitable services of installation by Dr. Brett and Rev. Mr. Boocock. Mr. Perlee hopes the Classis will continue its interests in this church. He believes in its future and enters with joy into its service.

Ocean Hill.—The church makes cntributions this year, for the first time during the present pastorate, to the Mission Boards and rejoices in the privilege. Spiritual condition good and prospects bright. Has cut down its application for aid $60.

Edgewood reports progress. Has entered upon the work of building a new church edifice. This has put new enthusiasm into all departments of church work. Have added Domestic Missions and Education to the objects of church benevolence.

Ridgewood.—The church building has been substantially repaired and greatly beautified during the year. New heating apparatus and new pews have been installed. The finances are in good condition, and a considerable number has been added to roll of membership.

Greenwood Heights.—The pastor, though on the ground but a short time, is able to report increased attendance at both the Sabbath services. Peace and harmony prevail and all look forward to larger growth and advance.

Bay Ridge.—A very successful financial year, and one of great blessing in a healthful spiritual growth. Services well attended and good work in S. S.

German American Reformed.—No complete report possible, inasmuch as former pastor has taken record books with him, to Shelbyville, Ind. No complete report before their return.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Rev. Mark A. Denman was received April 16, 1901, from the Classis of Rensselaer, and was installed pastor of Twelfth St., Church, May 9, 1901.

Mr. Henry J. Herge was received on May 31st. 1901, from the Presbytery of Baltimore, and was ordained and installed pastor of the church of Canarsie, June 19, 1901.

The Rev. W. R. Davis was dismissed Oct. 15, 1901, to the Presbytery of Maryland, of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. A. M. Arcularius and the Church of St. Thomas, Danish W. I., was dissolved, Nov. 1st, 1901, and on Dec. 1st, 1901. Mr. Arcularius assumed charge of Geenwood Heights.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. W. J. H. Boetcker, and the German American Reformed Church of Brooklyn was dissolved Dec. 31st, 1901, and Mr. Boetcker was dismissed to the Presbytery of Whitewater.

The Rev. Clarence M. Perlee was received Jan. 21, from the Classis of Greene, and on Feb. 16, 1902 was installed pastor of St. Thomas, D. W. I.

The name of the Rev. W. D. Perry was on Feb. 3, 1902 taken from the roll; Mr. Perry having entered the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Rev. Dr. D. N. Vanderveer died in New York City on April 9, 1902.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK A. DENMAN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The State of Religion in the Churches of the New York Classis is indicated by the following reports from the churches:

Collegiate Church. No events of special importance have marked the history of the Collegiate Church during the past year. Its work has gone steadily forward and the number of members received on confession of faith, shows a gratifying increase over the year preceding. The benevolent contributions are also larger than ever before. A spirit of earnest Christian activity characterizes all our congregations.

Harlem Collegiate. Our statistical report demonstrates a year of prosperity. The large addition to our membership and no less, the increased liberality of our people give cheering proof that the Lord is attending the preaching of His word by the converting and sanctifying influences of His Spirit. Our Bible Schools and various religious and benevolent organizations have carried on their excellent labors faithfully and successfully. A Sabbath School visitor has been added to the working force of the First Church, whose earnest and winning efforts are felt in its life and are telling on its growth. The great work of change

and improvement in the edifice of the Second Church which has produced a considerably enlarged auditorium of rarely equalled beauty, marks an era of growth in many respects which calls for special gratitude, and the enlargement of Christian plans and hopes. The stimulus of the Master's words ever abides—"If any man will serve me him will my Father honor."

South Church.

Manor Chapel. Manor Chapel has quietly continued its work for another year. Every department of the work has prospered, while the membership changes a good deal, owing to the changes in the neighborhood, the attendance at the services has been as good, if not a little better than for the past few years. More members have been received than usual, but we have also had severe losses by removal and death. The spirit manifested in our worship has been most encouraging.

Staten Island.

Bloomingdale.

Madison Ave.

German Evangelical Mission. Our report on the State of Religion can be given in a few words. All we can say is, that we have succeeded in holding our own, since we had but one removed by death, and were not called upon to lessen our number by dismissals. The loyalty of our members is indeed praiseworthy. They are bound to retain their fellowship with us and are ever ready with their support. In benevolence we are not far behind the work of former years. Our own poor have received their usual supply, and our Orphan Home has been the recipient of liberal donations. The attendance on divine service has been fair through-

out the year. The Sunday School, although small, when compared with former years, is still a factor for good in our neighborhood. The infant department, particularly, never fails to replenish itself year by year. Peace and harmony have prevailed and courage has not forsaken us. With God's help, we hope to maintain ourselves as a church, in spite of the many obstacles which surround us.

Huguenot.

Mott Haven. The Mott Haven Church can report a very prosperous year. While we have not received as many into communion as last year, we have larger attendance upon church worship and feel a greater strength in our congregation. Much greater care than before, has been exercised in admitting to membership, and among the young a large number were held back until another year, so that the forty received this year strengthen the church as much as the seventy-one last year. Our contributions are not so large this year, as we are holding ourselves in readiness to redeem our pledges toward a new Sunday School building for which we are laboring.

Union. High Bridge. The year just closed has been one of gratifying progress. It has been marked by temporal and spiritual blessing. We have recived the largest accession of new members, fifty-five, in the history of the church. Attendance at all the services is on the increase. The various organizations are flourishing, and the church is well ahead of its last year's record in benevolent contributions, raising for all objects $1,622.24. During the past year our chapel has been enlarged to meet the growing demands of the Sunday School, and we feel now well equipped for aggressive work.

Fourth German. As a church, we have every reason to be thankful. It is true the location of the church becomes out of place more and more, as the colored people and the Italians are pouring into this part of the city. We are at present ventilating the question whether we ought not to look around for another quarter. But in spite of these drawbacks, we rejoice to know that the Lord is manifesting His power in the conversion of souls to Christ and in the upbuilding of His Kingdom in the hearts of the members. We rejoice especially over the increased liberality of the people to the cause of Christ, inside and outside of our Reformed Church. The total amount of contributions has exceeded that of any previous year. Harmony and peace reign within the congregation, and the different branches of church work are in a hopeful condition.

Prospect Hill. With the exception of a brief interval, during the summer, services have been regularly maintained throughout the year. The private dwelling, No. 1153 Park ave., has been leased, and since Oct. 1st. has served the double purpose of a parsonage and Church House. The weekly prayer meeting has been resumed, and a Women's Guild has been organized which is doing a quiet but effective work. A number of new families have become identified with the congregation and many more have been sought out and visited, some of whom are beginning to manifest an interest in the work of the church. The lack of a suitable place of worship is becoming more and more evident. As soon as that lack can be supplied, there is little doubt that a much larger, more effective and satisfactory work can be accomplished than is possible under present circumstances.

Avenue B. German.

Brighton Heights. For nearly a quarter of the year the pastor has been out of the active work because of sickness, and during the other three quarters has not had full vigor of health. Our statistics somewhat reflect this. There has not been the forward movement for which we had hoped in these regards. However, we believe the Master has blessed us with a real spiritual growth, and that many of the people have increased in their knowledge of Him and in their loyality to Him. It has been a year of testing for us all.

Sixty-eighth Street, German.

German Evangelical, St. Peter's. We respectfully report, that we spent over $200 on our house of worship, as it was in a ruinous condition. The church also has been painted, the Sunday School Hall repaired, and other work done. The congregation is full of good spirit, hoping that after another year of help, we shall become self-sustaining. The Mission at Perth Amboy, N. J., is also full of good spirit.

Grace. Reviewing the manifestations of the life of our church, for the year ending Easter, 1902, we note that we have more nearly fulfilled, our ideal of a Parish Church than in any of the seventeen years of our history. Our aim has been to make the church a larger home for the families connected with us. The standard of individual faithfulness has been higher, contributions both for support, and in benevolence, more general, the Spirit of unity and kindness more marked. Our discouragements are those incident to the life of the Spirit in a great city. The ever shifting home life of our families, the strain of other responsibilities, and the love of earthly things, are all constantly and increasingly felt. Notwithstanding, our

people are growing in the characteristics that mark true Christian living.

Hamilton Grange. The past year has been a quiet one of hard work upon the part of all. The Missionary and spiritual enthusiasm among our young people has been sustained, and there has been some financial advance all along the line. Perhaps the most encouraging feature has been an improvement in the quality and personnel of our workers.

Church of the Comforter. The most noteworthy event in the history of our church is the fact that fifteen have been added to our membership. The next most important is the purchase of a plot of ground by the Classis. Upon this we are very soon to move our present building.

Anderson Memorial. This year has been one of hopeful waiting. Our community is in a state of flux. The old conditions are being slowly put away, but new conditions are not ready to be utilized. A few new people have come to the church, but two of our elders and one deacon have moved away, while another elder has ceased attendance, thus leaving us somewhat depleted in our consistory. Our Sunday School is hopeful, although we have a great lack of competent teachers. We regret to state that we do not think that the spiritual life of the church is so promising as it was a year ago.

West Farms.

Fordham.

Bethany Memorial.

Columbian Memorial. The large number of dismissions is due to the fact that we transferred six of our Comanche members to our newly established

church at Fort Sill, and three Cheyennes to the Mennonite Mission, 35 miles from here, on the Washita. There are eight persons who will put in their letters within a few weeks, and there is a prospect that several will unite soon, upon profession. While we have had no special spiritual awakening as yet this year, the work has been carried on regularly, and we feel that the church is in excellent condition. Albert Long, a Pawnee, has been added to the Eldership, which gives us three Indian Elders, all Chiefs, and men of irreproachable character. It is evident that a Christian sentiment is steadily gaining ground in these tribes.

Ft. Sill "Apache" Mission.

Prince's Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. FAGG, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

Your Committee on The State of Religion respectfully submits the following report:

Consistorial reports have been received from all of the Churches in the Classis with the exception of two—Claraville and Walpack, Upper.

Nine of the churches supplement their statistics with remarks, as recommended, the others are found wanting in this respect.

The general tenor of these reports, is neither exultant nor dispairing in tone. Some of the churches, notably Second Port Jervis, Walden, Wallkill and Min-

isink, report gratifying advance in the spiritual and financial phases of their work.

The totals show a decrease of 14 families. An accession of 179 on confession of faith—being 66 more than last year, and of 65 by certificate—18 less than last report. In spite of this increase, the total in communion is only 3695, which is 18 less than last year. This is accounted for by the prunings of revision, and the relegation to the absent list.

There is a substantial increase in the number of Infant and Adult Baptisms. But we have lost one Sabbath School and six scholars.

There is an increase of $758 in benevolent offerings, a decrease $162 for other objects, and a decrease of $1216 in offerings for congregationial expenses.

Extracts from reports:

Bloomingburg. Larger accessions than for several years. A "Home Department" has been organized. This accounts for the increased enrollment in Sabbath School. A Bible Study Class has been started.

Callicoon. Statistics only.

Claraville. No report.

Cuddebackville. Statistics only.

Deer Park. Statistics only,

Ellenville. Statistics only.

Fallsburg. Nothing special. Usual services were held. Four have united with the church, three of whom were young people.

Grahamsville. Statistics only.

Kerhonkson. Has had occasional supplies.

Mamakating. Church has been repaired outside and in. The S. S., and Y. P. S. C, E., have made monthly offerings for missions. Week of prayer much enjoyed.

Minisink. Statistics only.

Montgomery. Statistics only.

Newburgh. Statistics only.

New Hurley. Statistics only.

New Prospect. The gospel has been faithfully preached. Attendance at the various meetings certainly encouraging. Week of prayer largely attended, and the Holy Spirit manifestly present. Contributions for denominational objects larger this year. The roll has been revised, and 43 names placed on the absent list.

Second Port Jervis.—The year has been one of more than ordinary prosperity. The material and spiritual affairs of the church present much good ground for encouragement and thankfulness. Since making our last report, the remaining $500 of the mortgage has been paid. A parsonage has been built. Spiritually the year has been one of quiet advance, 26 members have been received, and two dismissed. The attendance at the various services has been gratifying.

Shawangunk. Statistics only.

Unionville.

Walden. The past year has been one of exceptional prosperity in both the spiritual and financial work of our church. A total of 41 have been received into the cummunion of the church. An increase of 12 over the number received last year. Deducting the number of members lost by death and re-

moval, there is a net gain of 22, which is 9 more than last year. All the auxiliaries of the church are in a flourishing condition and are doing efficient work. Financially the year has been remarkably successful. Our Benevolent offerings have exceeded those of last year—for which we are thankful. Our contributions for congregational purposes are larger than those of the previous year. We thank God for His kindly consideration of us as a congregation and that He has been pleased to favor us with a people who are in hearty sympathy with us in our efforts to carry on the work of the church.

Wallkill Valley.—The Consistory of the Church of Wallkill, feel grateful for the material and spiritual prosperity which the congregation has enjoyed. The church is entirely out of debt, and all obligations are promptly met. The attendance at religious services is good. The additions have been gratifying, exceeding the deaths and dismissals by twenty-two. A marked feature of the year has been the interest of the young people—twenty-two of the additions having been from their ranks.

Walpack Lower.—Still without a pastor, but with one in view.

Walpack Upper. No report.

Warwarsing has no pastor as yet. During the summer months the church tried the experiment of having afternoon preaching in which they were kindly helped by Dr. H. C. Berg. The church property is in good repair, and there is a fund yielding $50 dollars which can be applied to the support of a minister. The consistory thinks that $350 additional can be raised. The Ellenville and Kingston R. R. is rapidly approaching completion and will locate a depot at Napanoch which may help the church by an increase of

population. There is at present a growing desire to have a young man without a family serve the church during the coming summer, after which providence may open the way for a permanent pastor.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The Rev. J. Frederick Berg has been dismissed to the Classis of New York.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. FORBES, *Chairman,*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

Your Committee finds that our Classis is face to face with what seems a serious condition.

According to our reports we have lost 79 families. 23 is the net loss of our Communion lists. Our Sunday Schools have lost 194 of their enrollment, and our contributions for all purposses have fallen off $1598.

We received 63 less than last year.

There is a tone of despondency, or apology in the remarks of most of the Consistories, which is depressing to one who reads them, and your committee could easily cull phrases from them which would accurately reflect these gloomy statistics. "Lament that the accessions have been 'so few.' "The visible results are but small." "The year has been one of extreme quiet." "The past year has not been marked by an increase of membership." "No increase in the church can be reported." "No quickening of the

spiritual life." Such phrases as these are uttered, and then they are contradicted by the language of gratitude or hope, but the gratitude is for something else than spiritual blessing oftentimes, and the hope is based on something else than the past year's experience. Some minds seem to conceive of God's grace as a restraining power, rather than an ethically and spiritually *upbuilding* power, and say God's grace has been with us.

The whole tone of the reports, save in a small minority of cases, is not what it ought to be, and your committee submits that glittering generalities of future hope, should be replaced in the mind of every pastor and elder, with a more *definite* and *courageous* purpose to labor and to pray, to expect and to achieve.

Your committee attempted to choose phrases from each report that would show the brightest spot within the horizon about each church, but becoming conscious of inveracity, felt compelled to desist. For some reason or reasons, very much of our work for a year has brought no adequate visible results, and the only thing for us to do, is with humiliation and prayer to come into the presence of the living Christ, and having touched again the hem of his garment to go back to our work, with the unction of a new sense of His presence and His power, and appeal to men, in the pulpit and out of it, with the confidence and the faith of a first time effort, if haply our King may use us again to the glory of His blessed name and to the fresh baptism of those whom he has providently placed under our care.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Rev. Joseph McIntyre dismissed from Cold Spring.

Rev. Charles S. Hageman diedOct. 20, 1901.

Candidate C. F. Beryman, Jr., dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. D. M. Hunter dismissed to the Classis o Ulster.

J. E. LYALL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

Your Committee on the State of Religion respectfully offers the following report:

Statistical records have been received from all the churches, which show an increase over last year in additions to membership, yet the offerings for benevolent objects have fallen slightly below that of last year, while the amount contributed for congregational purposes is considerably less than that of the previous year.

The footing of the Census column shows a decrease in the number of families, but this is accounted for by the setting over to the N. Y. Classis of the Church at Melrose with its 92 families as reported.

The enrollment of our Sunday Schools are practically the same as last year.

As a whole the Consistorial reports indicate a quiet work of grace going on in nearly every church of the Classis, for which we should thank the Great Head of the Church and take courage.

The Church of *Bronxville* reports 5 new families and 7 communicants with increased contributions both for benevolent and congregational purposes.

Courtlandtown.--reports we have lost two of our active Elders by death—F. J. Harris, Treasurer, whose wise counsel and careful management of finances will be greatly missed—also, Elder David Hennion, who, together with his devoted wife were, largely instrumental in the building and sustaining of the Chapel at Verplanck. There has been a lack of spiritual interest in the church, due largely to the differences which have prevailed for the past few years.

Greenville—has not had very encouraging results, for the past year, yet the services have been quite well sustained, while the outlook for the future is hopeful.

Hastings speaks of a healthy vigorous condition. Sabbath School well organized and prosperous. The King's Daughters Circle and the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip are doing good work. Every department of the church service is alive to the interests of Christ's Kingdom; and above all, many of the young people have identified themselves with the church.

Mount Vernon Church shows advancement along the line of earnest effort, but makes no comment.

Mile Square,—as the report shows, is alive to the interests of Christ's cause. There have been additions during the past year to the membership and this young church has given $63, for Foreign Missions during the past year. This indicates the right spirit.

Park Hill—speaks of a year of hard progressive work, but they are hopeful to be able to enter into their new church building by Oct. 1, 1902. To God all eyes turn, and to Him all praise will be given.

Peekskill, reports they have reason to be encouraged and are happy in the fact that they have no

debt to trouble them, and that the various societies of the church are working in peace and harmony together. The church is spiritually less prosperous and is earnestly longing for a baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The First Church Tarrytown, says the statistical table tells the story of our church life. The gifts of the people would seem to indicate that their interest had not slackened in the work of their own church or that of the Boards and while they regret the small number of admissions to membership, yet are grateful for mercies received.

Second Church, Tarrytown.—We are glad to notice an advance along all our lines of work, and that with a marked degree of harmony. Last fall the 50th anniversary of the founding of the church was celebrated with appropriate services and this now venerable church begins the next half century under favorable auspices, recognizing God as the giver of every good and perfect gift.

Greenburg reports favorably on the work of the Lord. The material and spiritual interests of the church have prospered and the outlook of this old historic house of worship is very bright, while all departments of Christian work are in the most delightful state of harmony and devout activity.

Unionville still is holding her own and is very much encouraged as to the future. The church is to be congratulated upon the degree of peace and harmony that prevails within her borders.

First Reformed Church, Yonkers, sends to us only the simple statistical record, so that we are not able to make any remarks upon the condition of this church beyond what is made known in the figures presented. These indicate an element of strength and activity

nothwitstanding the church has been without a pastor for some time and as we learn they have called a man of God to be their minister, to break unto them the bread of life, so we hope to see this church again in the front ranks with those which are noted for their efficient work as well as their liberality of gifts.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Rev. G. H. Miller was transferred with the church of Melrose to the Classis of New York by the Particular Synod of N. Y., at its session in 1901.

Mr. J. W. Hoyt Jr., was duly licensed to preach June 7, 1901, and ordained April 22, 1902.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HARPER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects. R. A. P.	Other Objects. R. A. P.	Congregational. R. A. P.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
RANIPETTAI	J. Selvam	65	4	13	19	6	4	71	10	5	218	6	571	215 5 6	46 9 ..	428 12 6	Ranipettai, Mad Pres., India.
Yehamur	Abram Muni	480	35	16	17	3	10	335	50	31	368	28	568	126 10 6	2 10 6	305 2 4	Melpadi, N. A., M. P., India.
ARNI	Cephas Whitehead	49	3	11	19	..	1	88	11	6	4	7	316	222 9 8	....	164 12 7	Arni, " " "
Vellambi	"	13	..	..	5	..	..	18	..	..	4	1	24	4 8 ..	....	2 2 ..	Arni, " " "
Alliendal	Moses Nathaniel	22	..	3	..	4	..	23	..	.	35	2	24	5 15 ..	....	5 12 3	Chetpett, " " "
Gnanodiam	"	70	4	4	10	..	2	77	9	..	83	6	123	39 2 ..	.. .. ..	22 14 5	" " " "
Sathambadi	"	33	2	..	..	..	..	39	1	..	22	2	37	7 10 ..	....	3 4 ..	" " " "
Maruturambadi	"	32	2	.	..	..	..	40	4	..	47	3	40	14 12 ..	... .	15 7 4	" " " "
CHITTOOR	J. Yesuratnam	357	15	15	37	..	6	253	30	21	407	23	684	888 10 ..	.. ..	461 12 8	Chittoor, " " "
Kottapalli	Benjamin Thomas	74	4	2	4	1	2	40	7	11	77	4	41	28 10 7	....	41 1 9	Katpadi, " " "
COONOOR	Jacob Chamberlain	65	2	12	2	..	2	94	5	4	65	2	70	100	12 2 5	260	Coonoor " "
MADANAPALLE	John Souri and Joseph John	208	9	24	..	2	4	170	45	31	186	15	737	145 14 9	32 7 11	673 15 2	Madanapalle, " "
PALMANER	E. Tavamani	30	1	18	12	..	2	61	26	7	12	14	156	215 2 4	50 15 11	128 9 7	Palmaner, " "
TINDIVANAM	Meshach Peter	72	3	7	8	..	1	89	4	1	99	7	531	166 9 7	25 .. 6	271 3 ..	Tindivanam, S.A., M.P., India.
Orattur	Paul Bailey	76	6	2	2	5	1	75	26	27	86	2	45	54 .. 10	.... 7 ..	47 13 3	Villipuram, " " " "
Velleripett	"	55	2	2	5	3	4	8	4	2	74	6	77	51 8 4	.... 4 ..	33 2 2	" " " "
Narasinganur	"	86	..	2	3	11	1	93	7	7	92	4	56	48 3 6	.... 4 ..	43 12 2	" " " "
Gingee	John Peter	57	8	3	9	..	5	68	6	8	113	5	100	65 8 3	.... 11 6	56 4 9	Gingee, " " "
Varikkal	"	41	1	2	4	1	2	58	2	..	26	3	42	23 3 8	.... 6 ..	32 2 10	" " " "
Kollapakkam	"	93	14	5	1	3	1	157	14	14	57	7	80	50 13 9	... 10 ..	54 7 4	" " " "
VELLORE	S. A. Sebastian	65	7	26	34	1	5	132	5	4	20	6	356	130 9 3	29 1 ..	441 .. 2	Vellore, N. A., M. P., India.
Katpadi	Benjamin Thomas	215	21	16	15	1	5	193	12	7	146	10	266	108 13 11	....	130 8 3	Katpadi " " " "
Kandiputtur	Isaac Lazar	97	1	1	1	2	2	112	7	1	86	6	169	45 5 6	....	63 2 2	Tiruvallam, N.A., M.P., India.
Sekadu.	"	68	..	....	..	3	3	67	16	7	82	4	281	33 15 9	....	36 5 3	" " " "
	Total	2423	144	184	207	46	63	2442	301	194	2409	163	5394	2793 10 8	201 9 9	3723 7 11	

Other Ministers.—J. H. Wyckoff, in America; L. B. Chamberlain, in America; H. J. Scudder, Madanapalle, India; W. I. Chamberlain, Vellore, India; J. A. Beattie, Chittoor, India; E. Thavamani, Palmaner, India; Rev. W. T. Scudder, Tindivanam, India; L. R. Scudder, M. D (S. C.), Ranipettai, India.

Candidates.—S. Santosham, Elias Nathaniel, N. Jotinayakam, John Wilkins, J. M. Soondram, David Muni, Simeon Cornelius, J. Solomon, J. Daniel, T. Samuel, J. I. David, Edward Bedford, D. Lazarus, John Kay, Joseph Paul, A. Isaac, C. Iyacun, P. Kadirvelu, Moses Joshua, Joseph Asirvadam, S. Sigamani.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Claverack	George H. Burrill	104	3	2	6	..	4	249	6	..	100	4	272	$544 61	$135 80	†$2,664 84	Claverack, Columbia Co., N.Y.
...tin	A. Judson Walter	72	5	3	..	..	3	130	5	4	75	1	100	89 83	2 00	1,348 35	Mt. Ross, Dutchess Co., "
...antown	Edgar I. McCully	115	30	..	1	..	4	207	4	10	....	1	149	218 01	7 10	1,771 40	Germantown, Col. Co., "
...nport	Charles E. Corwin	85	7	2	2	..	10	155	5	3	100	2	165	157 04	51 11	1,632 91	Greendale, " "
...on	Charles Park	275	4	6	5	..	5	450	2	3	...	1	225	1,561 00	2,437 88	4,538 00	Hudson, " "
...thgo	E. W. Greene	75	9	6	3	..	6	*180	4	3	....	1	100	140 19	12 10	1,280 26	Livingston, " "
...gston at Linlithgo	Fred'k K. Shield (s. s.)	70	12	..	..	..	5	98	2	4	35	2	165	84 00	15 00	975 00	Linlithgo, " "
...nville	George Z. Collier	108	5	5	11	..	2	184	5	2	50	1	90	160 49	12 30	1,114 94	Mellenville, " "
...mont	F.V. VanVranken (s. c.)	120	12	4	4	..	3	246	5	5	100	1	231	857 16	87 14	†5,956 68	Philmont, " "
...r Red Hook	Charles Maar	46	3	..	3	..	2	*130	3	2	...	1	50	272 45	38 18	1,038 00	Upper Red H'k, Dutch. Co., "
...Copake	William E. Compton	90	2	2	5	..	2	113	9	2	142	1	142	57 63	2 00	888 68	West Copake, Col. Co., "
	Total	1160	92	30	40	..	46	2142	50	38	602	16	1689	$4,142 41	$2,800 61	$22 09 06	

* Revised. † Including repairs.

Other Ministers.—Jonah W. Vaughan, Nanuet, N. Y.; Mortimer Smith, Saugerties, N. Y.; B. A. Bartholf, Mayfield, Fulton Co., New York.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd											Benevolent.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Bloomingdale	Joseph Millett	100	7	..	5	..	5	*175	20	3	....	1	225	$ 58 00	$ 8 00	$ 700 00	Bloomington, N. Y.
The Clove	Herman Hageman(s.c.)	145	17	2	11	1	3	281	9	2	100	3	275	410 67	13 82	1,711 83	High Falls, N. Y.
Dashville Falls	Vacant	30	1	..	2	..	3	74	..	1	....	1	82	10 75	.....	298 08	Rifton Glen, N. Y.
Gardiner	Vacant	85	3	2	..	..	3	127	2	2	70	1	70	77 43	.....	1,270 86	Gardiner, N. Y.
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher	70	2	..	..	..	4	119	5	..	61	2	128	57 00	31 00	900 00	Libertyville, N. Y.
Hurley	Albert Schlieder	76	4	..	5	..	3	164	1	..	....	1	80	268 97	3 40	1,242 10	Hurley, N. Y.
Kingston, Fair Street	F. B. Seeley	176	10	23	11	..	7	406	1	2	150	1	257	402 98	103 60	3,400 00	Kingston, N. Y.
Krumville	Vacant	†25	..	..	..	..	..	79	..	..	....	1	75	.....	.....	.....	Krumville, N. Y.
Lyonsville	Vacant	39	..	..	3	..	3	114	..	..	....	1	60	13 88	10 00	115 85	Kripplebush, N. Y.
Marbletown	Charles L. Clist	91	17	8	4	..	3	161	3	8	....	2	135	140 00	6 00	1,511 00	Stone Ridge, N. Y.
Marbletown, North	Vacant	56	..	..	3	..	4	83	..	..	....	..	....	.....	.....	.....	Marbletown, N. Y.
New Paltz	E. C. Oggel	276	11	5	4	..	16	606	13	5	100	6	500	631 36	187 77	2,700 00	New Paltz, N. Y.
Rochester	Vacant	100	11	1	6	..	4	189	9	4	....	5	350	109 98	21 62	820 00	Accord, N. Y.
Rosendale	Vacant	100	..	..	1	..	3	150	2	..	....	1	145	.....	.....	779 24	Rosendale, N. Y.
Rosendale Plains	Vacant	67	4	1	2	..	..	98	..	1	....	1	117	.....	.....	399 72	Tillson, N. Y.
St. Remy	Joseph Millett	45	2	..	1	..	4	*83	1	2	....	1	108	10 00	5 00	350 00	Bloomington, N. Y.
	Total	1481	89	42	58	1	65	2894	72	17	481	28	2617	$2,235 52	$390 21	$16,198 18	

* Revised roll. † Last year's report.

Other Ministers—James Cantine, Missionary; George Davis, Kingston, N. Y.; John L. MacNair, High Falls, N. Y.; S. T. Searle, Metuchen, N.J.
Candidates.—E. H. Keator, Rosendale, N. Y.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jamaica	Robert K. Wick	190	20	23	6	..	6	400	11	..		2	380	$ 810 00	$ 544 00	‡ $47,004 00	221 Fulton St., Jamaica, N. Y.
Newtown	Charles K. Clearwater	125	5	2	..	..	4	253	4	1		2	300	175 00	25 00	3,050 00	23 Victor Pl., L. I., "
Oyster Bay	Vacant	106	16	4	3	..	2	¶141	..	5	45	1	100	152 48	3 08	1.267 26	Glenhead, L. I., "
North Hempstead	Alfred Duncombe	73	6	5	..	..	1	172	5	..		2	150	120 00	25 60	1,188 96	Manhasset, L. I., "
Williamsburg	Howard Wilbur Ennis	125	8	6	8	..	.	†208	2	4	....	1	230	478 19	225 80	7,693 88	574 Bedford Ave., B'klyn, "
Astoria	John Charles Rauscher	155	16	6	6	..	3	254	10	2		1	245	362 85	100 00	3.150 00	80 Remsen St., Astoria, "
Flushing	James R. Swain	165	28	25	11	..	6	364	6	6	...	2	335	680 45	260 77	4,665 04	Flushing, L. I., "
Kent St., Brooklyn	Lewis Francis	185	18	3	8	..	6	387	18	5	47	2	865	2,353 95	278 88	5,633 42	143 Noble St., B'klyn, "
South Bushwick	Edward Niles	206	75	12	10	..	4	†415	25	8	52	1	1168	364 88	122 55	‡7,257 81	15 Himrod St., " "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	80	6	..	..	.	3	†190	54	..	24	1	225	163 95	.....	‡2.650 00	520 2nd Ave., Astoria, "
East Williamsburg	Vacant	..	..	..	..	..	..	¶ 13	..	..	....		112	....	.....	456 59	....
Queens	J. S. N. Demarest	83	2	4	2	..	..	148	4	2	100	1	185	787 45	15 00	2,496 14	Queens, L. I., N. Y.
Germ. Evang., B'klyn	George G. Wacker	125	25	..	..	..	30	300	107	3	37	1	800	68 00	278 42	5,482 34	335 So. 5th St., Brooklyn, "
Sayville	Elbert S. Schilstra	60	10	6	3	..	3	104	6	..	80	1	120	38 09	36 19	912 83	West Sayville, L. I., "
Locust Valley	Herman H. Shook	50	..	..	..	..	2	44	1	..	....	1	86	30 67	32 50	673 58	Locust Valley, L. I., "
College Point	Frank Malven	100	5	1	6	..	1	169	8	1	5	1	147	201 92	54 50	1,677 28	College Point, L. I., "
First L. I. City	Alexander Shaw	75	5	5	1	..	2	61	36	1	35	1	155	47 79	16 00	1,093 07	102 Academy St., L. I. City, "
Bushwick, Jamaica	James C. Hume	150	10	..	3	..	2	150	6	2	25	1	250	.....	195 00	1,997 00	83 Powers St., Brooklyn, "
Germ. Evang., Newtown	Frederick Stoebener	85	24	1	1	5	6	250	29	..	12	1	200	66 00	25 00	1,425 00	103 Herriman Ave., Jam'ca, "
Hicksville	Ernest Gutweiler	55	..	1	..	..	2	59	2	..	....	1	100	.....	.....	1,075 00	Hicksville, L. I., "
German, Newtown	Louis F. Sauerbrunn	40	..	..	..	..	1	†50	20	..	4	1	135	.....	.....	627 51	Elmhurst, L. I., "
Steinway	C. W. Laufer (s.s.)	....	22	..	1	..	..	135	13	5	..	1	375	563 40	297 00	2,064 19	Steinway, L. I., "
Church of Jesus	August Gunther	61	15	..	1	..	3	104	32	..	15	2	300	12 00	5 00	950 00	15 Central Place, B'klyn, "
New Hyde Park	Vacant	¶17	..	..	..	..	..	27	..	..		1	207	....	.....	.....	New Hyde Park, L. I., "
Sunnyside, L. I. City	Daniel P. Doyle	45	6	1	..	..	..	54	15	..	25	1	135	36 81	12 00	979 92	157 Skillman Ave., L. I. C., "
	Total	2356	322	105	70	5	87	4462	409	45	506	30	7295	$7,513 88	$2,541 69	$105,470 82	

† Revised list. ‡ $1,288 of which was raised for debt. ‡ $4,127 for church improvements. ¶ Last year's report. ‖ $2,202 for repairs and improvements.

Other Ministers.—W. H. TenEyck, S. C., 46 W. 93rd St., N. Y. City; Robert H. Barr, Newburgh, N. Y.; J. H. Smock, Locust Valley, L. I., N. Y.; James W. J. ; Revere Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.; John Baumeister, 402 Amity St., Flushing, L. I., N. Y.; John C. Gunther, 56 Union Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; 160 14th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. G. F. Bender, Steubenville, Ohio.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First Reformed	James M. Farrar	365	37	20	20	..	10	1094	18	11	....	1	1000	$1,823 70	$5,908 02	.....	857 President St., Bkn.
Flatbush	Cornelius L. Wells	160	2	14	7	..	7	†487	5	...	150	1	*500	5,148 00	2,362 00	.....	900 Flatbush Ave., "
Grace Chapel	Charles S. Wyckoff	85	1	3	9	..	2	....	6	...	..	1	187	102 00	30 00	$1,006 00	582 Flatbush Ave., "
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	100	2	8	4	..	3	345	6	...	50	1	425	1,048 00	302 00	3,641 00	7920 18th Ave., "
Gravesend	Peter V. VanBuskirk	120	12	3	2	..	6	264	14	...	100	3	487	629 00	796 00	4,995 00	E. 1st St. and Neck Road "
Flatlands	John S. Gardner (s. c.)	93	5	11	....	..	6	225	5	...	50	2	274	619 00	108 00	3,587 00	44 Kowenhoven Pl., "
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	60	4	3	3	..	4	175	10	...	50	1	320	158 00	100 00	2,400 00	New Lots Ave., Sta. E., "
East New York	James M. Dickson	*135	6	2	3	..	1	*244	8	...	....	1	436	340 00	400 00	3,833 00	86 Vermont Ave., "
South Brooklyn	Benj. E. Dickhaut	260	30	25	14	..	2	450	31	7	460	1	1000	514 00	171 00	4,515 00	259 52d St., "
Twelfth Street	Mark A. Denman	365	80	14	6	..	7	990	20	33	....	1	1200	825 00	750 09	7,050 00	658 10th St., "
North	James Demarest (s. s.)	30	1	5	5	..	...	72	2	...	.	1	70	166 00	10 00	1,820 00	11 Revere Pl., "
Church-on-the-Heights	J. Douglass Adam	330	27	21	18	..	18	‡727	8	4	....	2	11550	3,911 00	.....	21,453 00	72 Willow St., "
Bethany Chapel	John Gilmore Addy	....	7	1	2	..	3	....	6	...	....	1	.....	240 00	334 00	1,150 00	464 Second St., "
New Brooklyn	Fred. C. Erhardt	156	32	3	2	..	11	289	42	...	19	1	434	173 00	90 00	4,295 00	1062 Herkimer St., "
Second Flatbush	Louis Goebel	52	4	..	....	..	2	....	12	...	14	1	135	15 00	12 00	650 00	63 Church Ave., "
Canarsie	H. G. Herge (P. E.)	50	24	2	2	..	1	102	4	1	10	1	85	65 00	10 00	902 00	Canarsie, "
Bedford	.....	....	..	..	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	
St. Thomas, W. I.	C. M. Perlee	63	2	..	....	..	....	102	2	...	....	..	75	30 00	.....	850 00	St. Thomas, W. I. "
Ocean Hill	Francis A. Seibert	55	11	5	3	..	...	92	3	5	....	1	230	20 00	5 00	937 00	248 Saratoga Ave., "
Edgewood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams	50	7	6	1	..	1	129	8	4	....	1	225	88 00	.....	°2,463 00	1229 57th St., "
Ridgewood	George R. Israel	50	8	..	....	..	...	57	24	...	8	1	225	....	.....	1,374 00	Evergreen, Queens Co., N. Y.
Greenwood Heights	A. M. Arcularius (s. s.)	45	...	1	2	..	...	50	4	...	...	1	167	33 00	5 00	519 00	403 Washington Ave., Bkn.
Bay Ridge	Chas. Judson Scudder	88	16	9	1	..	2	172	5	7	145	1	253	460 00	148 00	4,799 00	246 80th St., "
German American Ref.	Christian Oswald	....	...	...	....	..	1	145	21	...	6	1	223	.....	.....	900 00	984 Glenmore Ave. "
	Total	2702	318	156	104	..	87	6211	264	72	1062	26	8501	16,407 70	11,541 02	72,959 02	

* Revised List. † 136 belonging to Grace Chapel. ‡ 227 belonging to Bethany Chapel. ‖ 496 belonging to Bethany. ° $1,175 for new church.

Other Ministers.—Daniel Rapalje, 925 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.; John M. Ferris, 676 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn; Uriah D. Gulick, 238 Central Park West, New York City; Walter T. Griffen, U. S. Consul, Limoges, France; E. F. See, Y. M. C. A., 502 Fulton St., Brooklyn; J. L. Zabriskie, 28 Regent Place, Brooklyn; A. DeWitt Mason, 25 E. 22d St., New York City; A. M. Quick, 56 Seventh Ave., Brooklyn; J. E. Lloyd, 806 Carroll St., Brooklyn; E. VanSlyke; John Picken, Delevan Ave., Newark, N. J.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Collegiate	Edward B. Coe, S. M.																42 W. 52d St., N. Y. City.
" Fifth Avenue	Donald Sage Mackay																20 E. 66th St., "
" "	A. Hageman, Asst.																139 W. 84th St., "
" Marble	David J. Burrell																248 W. 75th St., "
" "	Alfred E. Myers, Asst.																309 W. 70th St., "
" "	A. H. Bradshaw, Asst.																353 W. 57th St., "
" West End	Henry E. Cobb																370 W. End Ave., "
" "	H. C. Weber, Asst.	2230	236	127	55	..	27	3241	114	23	....	8	4230	$65,390 23	8,855 44	.....	W. E. Ave. & 77th St., "
" Middle	John G. Fagg																3 Rutherford Pl., "
" "	E. G. W. Menry, Asst																50 E. 7th St., "
" North Chapel	. . . . .																
" Thirty-fourth St.	John H. Elliott																307 W. 54th St., "
" Knox Mem. Cha.	William Vaughan																405 W. 41st St., "
" Vermilye Chapel	Winfred R. Ackert																416 W. 54th St., "
"	J. Elmendorf, S. M.																"Winthrop," 125th St. & 7th Ave.
Harlem Collegiate	Edgar Tilton, Jr.	725	114	76	21	..	18	1810	59	25	500	2	1191	6,683 00	2,282 00	.....	269 Lenox Ave., N. Y. City.
	Edward S. Ralston																178 E. 122d St., "
South	Roderick Terry	215	5	2	3	..	2	284	6	2	100	1	135	11,100 00	1,000 50	10,000 00	169 Madison Ave., "
Manor Chapel, South	James Palmer	200	29	3	9	..	5	*280	26	6	60	2	350	175 00	700 06	626 00	205 W. 87th St., "
Staten Island	J. Fred Berg	170	16	6	7	..	6	384	20	3	250	2	575	438 33	. .....	4,689 85	Port Richmond, S. I., N. Y.
Bloomingdale	Wm. C. Stinson	....	16	18	2	..	..	130	4	..	....	1	250	113 47	1,049 80	.....	Broadway & 68th St., N. Y. City
Madison Avenue	Abbott E. Kittredge	....	38	21	12	..	11	1360	12	8	200	2	1500	6,955 04	11,009 22	21,000 00	711 Park Ave., "
"	. . . . .	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	"
" Ev. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	60	7	..	..	..	1	218	27	2	12	1	200	290 00	591 00	888 54	78 2nd St., N. Y. City.
German	David Junor	70	1	..	1	..	....	45	2	.	....	1	114	40 00	.....	.....	Sea Side, S. I., N. Y.
Huguenot	John Francis Dobbs	194	28	12	3	1	8	302	25	3	200	1	588	130 71	69 92	3,083 35	590 E. 146th St., N. Y. City.
Mott Haven																	

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK (CONTINUED).

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ion, High Bridge .	J. Brownlee Voorhees .	160	42	13	6	..	1	235	18	7	196	1	356	1,189 81	432 43	8,742 06	Woody Crest Ave., H. B., N. Y.
urth German . . .	John H. Oerter	....	80	20	3	..	...	280	16	..	25	1	210	453 63	348 70	1,675 32	248 W. 40th St., N. Y. City.
spect Hill	Henry M. Cox, S. S. .	25	1	2	1	..	2	52	6	..	...	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1153 Park Ave., "
nue B. German . .	Jacob Schlegel	*125	40	..	...	..	10	620	100	..	41	1	400	150 00	300 00	3,000 00	602 Fifth St., "
ghton Heights . . .	James Coffin Stout . .	138	8	10	6	..	1	229	2	..	....	1	347	582 11	154 93	3,425 14	New Brighton, S. I., N. Y.
St. German . . .	Charles Schlegel . . .	....	55	..	1	..	3	265	59	..	35	2	375	2 00	.....	‡4,532 00	353 E. 68th St., N. Y. City.
, Evan. St. Peter's	Jacob Ganss	100	6	..	...	..	12	130	6	1	16	2	175	....	.....	200 00	Kreischerville, S. I., N. Y.
ce	Joseph R. Duryee . . .	238	9	10	4	..	5	327	16	3	....	1	259	175 00	512 00	4,332 00	139 E. 36th St., N. Y. City.
milton Grange . .	Charles B. Chapin . .	136	20	23	15	..	4	*282	7	1	....	1	261	409 50	92 92	4,117 08	117 Convent Ave., "
rch of the Comf'ter	Henry V. S. Myers . .	38	6	9	1	..	1	65	4	..	125	1	137	58 00	.....	882 17	504 E. 162d St., "
erson Memorial .	James Hunter	80	6	12	..	..	1	120	24	2	...	1	273	38 45	.....	1,979 60	2301 Cambreleng Ave., "
t Farms	Vacant	50	4	1	..	..	.	41	4	1	....	1	110	72 24	.....	1,402 00	
lham	Joseph Merlin Hodson	140	9	4	4	..	1	258	17	1	...	1	180	448 47	7 44	2,415 77	Fordham, N. Y.
iany Memorial .	J. T. Lonsdale, S. S. .	...	33	4	5	..	3	240	12	..	....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1098 First Ave., N. Y. City.
umbian Memorial .	Walter C. Roe	150	9	1	10	3	5	127	2	8	35	1	150	45 00	20 00	111 04	Colony, Oklahoma.
Sill "Apache" Mis.	Frank H. Wright, S. S.	....	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	244 San Jacinto St., Dallas, Tex.
ace's Bay	David Junor, S. S. . .	30	1	5	..	..	..	21	3	..	....	1	8	4 00	.....	.....	Sea Side, S. I., N. Y.
rose	George H. Miller . . .	*100	..	..	..	..	..	306	..	..	....	....	*40	.....	.....	.....	748 Elton Ave., N. Y. City.
	Total	5374	819	379	169	4	117	11346	591	96	1795	38	1285	94,844 00	27,176 00	$78, 004 00	

* Last year's report. † Revised list. ‡ 3,000 for parsonage.

Other Ministers.— E. Rothesay Miller, Yokohama, Japan; F. T. Barney, Arabia; Charles M. Myers, Nagasaki, Japan; Hasbrouck DuBois, High Bridge, . City; G. H. Mandeville, 132 West 82d St., N. Y. City; W. W. Clark, 532 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Wm. Westerfield, 107 W. 123d St., N. Y. City; Walter llaw, N. Y. City; Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; A. G. Vermilye, Englewood, N. J.; E. A. Reed, Holyoke, Mass.; A. J. Park, Leonard's Bridge, Conn.; Thomas owe, New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y.; W. S. Baker, 240 Third St., Jersey City, N. J.; E. J. Runk; A.H. H. Bechger, London, Eng.

Candidates.—M. G. Schwartz, H. Z. Kyle.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd											Benevolent.				
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.		
Bloomingburgh	J. L. Stillwell	80	7	2	2	..	4	112	1	4	75	1	‡175	50 00	.....	875 00	Bloomingburgh,	N. Y.
Callicoon	Henry Unglaub	62	7	...	...	..	3	120	18	...	13	1	90	21 16	21 00	600 00	Callicoon,	"
*Claraville	Vacant**	17	...	...	...	..	...	41	...	...	....	....	....	5 00	.....	456 94	Grahamsville,	"
Cuddebackville	Vacant	52	...	1	4	..	1	84	...	...	....	1	48	9 25	.....	.....	Cuddebackville,	"
Deer Park	Thomas H. MacKenzie	255	15	2	13	..	11	†415	8	10	100	2	‡517	617 00	190 00	5,859 00	Port Jervis,	"
Ellenville	Herman C. Berg	175	4	...	3	..	4	314	4	1	....	1	237	482 71	181 01	2,442 58	Ellenville,	"
Fallsburgh	B. E. Statesir	80	4	...	...	..	2	134	2	1	12	3	150	109 29	30 00	726 94	Woodbourne,	"
Grahamsville	Vacant **	30	3	1	2	..	4	88	...	3	...	1	70	5 00	.....	456 94	Grahamsville,	"
Kerhonkson	Vacant	35	1	...	3	..	2	60	1	...	....	1	80	14 20	208 07	201 53	Kerhonkson,	"
Mamakating	J. E. Crane	60	5	...	2	..	2	192	...	...	25	1	42	37 26	.....	981 00	Wurtsboro,	"
Minisink	Andrew John Meyer	65	10	7	2	..	4	75	5	8	..	1	58	30 00	9 03	746 75	Montague, New Jersey	
Montgomery	Vacant	175	13	2	5	..	7	423	9	2	....	1	150	498 22	37 62	2,041 73	Montgomery,	N. Y.
Newburgh	Robert H. Beattie	185	8	10	4	..	8	314	7	4	...	1	142	380 07	54 20	3,470 03	Newburgh,	"
New Hurley	J. A. Thurston	96	4	1	3	..	6	146	3	3	105	2	110	88 56	32 25	1,033 07	New Hurley,	"
New Prospect	E. O. Moffett	102	5	4	9	..	5	†198	10	3	136	1	136	268 26	41 00	1,076 68	Pine Bush,	"
Port Jervis, Second	J. C. Forbes	54	23	3	2	..	...	80	10	13	18	1	121	22 86	.....	1,131 95	Port Jervis,	"
Shawangunk	Sheldon Vandeburg	86	3	2	5	..	7	172	...	...	63	1	117	151 00	9 00	1,182 00	Bruynswick.	"
Unionville	Vacant	13	7	2	...	..	2	16	2	3	....	1	30	1 60	9 00	170 43	Grahamsville,	"
Walden	Wm. Wyckoff Schomp	190	26	15	6	..	13	431	8	7	250	1	320	476 56	122 79	2,933 39	Walden,	"
Wallkill Valley	John VanderMeulen	96	24	13	13	..	2	240	9	8	....	1	200	260 16	71 29	2,041 28	Wallkill,	"
Walpack, Upper	Vacant	....	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	Dingman's Ferry, Pa.	
Walpack, Lower	Vacant	70	...	...	...	..	...	130	...	...	100	2	110	.....	.....	*450 00	Bushkill,	Pa.
*Walpack	Vacant	46	...	...	1	..	...	50	...	...	....	1	40	.....	.....	100 00	Napanoch,	N. Y.
Warwarsing	Total	2024	179	65	78	..	87	3695	97	71	897	26	2943	$4,214 16	$1,009 26	$28,520 30		

† Last year's report. * Revised. ‡ Including Home Department. ** Rev. George Hauser, Pastor-elect.

Other Ministers.—J. E. Bernart, Chester, N. Y.; Gilbert S. Garrison, Dingman's Ferry, Pa.; H. A. Hendrickson, Flushing, L. I., N. Y.; S. W. Mills, N. Y.; Louis Hieber, Utica, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Sabbath Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Other Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. VanGieson	200	8	5	6	..	3	452	7	..	....	1	200	$1,266 00	$1,564 00	$3,391 00	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	Wm. Bancroft Hill	200	9	4	6	..	13	408	4	..	....	2	290	2,210 00	800 00	5,996 00	" "
Fishkill	A. H. Huizinga	110	1	2	1	..	2	200	3	1	....	1	75	257 00	51 00	1,450 00	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	Ernest Clapp	90	..	2	6	..	9	137	4	..	....	3	130	258 00	11 00	1,155 00	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	Wm. A. Dumont	88	4	2	5	..	6	*175	..	1	....	†3	100	222 00	26 00	1,655 00	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	J. Howard Suydam	125	2	2	..	1	2	177	..	1	....	1	100	451 00	77 00	2,691 00	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	E. A. McCullum	155	17	3	4	..	4	387	11	7	....	1	235	403 00	400 00	4,560 00	Fishkill-on-Hudson. "
Hyde Park	Henry F. Hamlin	69	3	1	..	..	4	91	3	1	40	1	76	101 00	.....	1,330 00	Hyde Park, "
Glenham	Wm. V. D. Strong	40	3	..	..	..	1	37	5	2	....	1	46	32 00	.. ..	764 00	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Vacant	35	8	4	2	..	2	70	1	4	50	1	75	5 00	.....	468 00	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	J. E. Lyall	109	1	..	4	..	8	172	3	..	....	3	127	524 00	41 00	2,306 00	South Millbrook, "
	Total	1221	56	25	34	1	54	2306	41	17	90	18	1454	$5,729 00	$2,970 00	$25,766 00	

* Revised list. † Two are Union Schools.

Other Ministers.—H. N Cobb, 25 E. 22nd St., New York; C. W. Fritts, Hudson, N. Y.; P. W. Pitcher, Amoy, China; F. F. Wilson, Asbury Park, N. J.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Bronxville	William S. C. Webster	80	1	6	..	..	..	100	5	..	...	1	110	$ 787 49	$167 75	$ 1,997 90	Bronxville, N. Y.
Cortlandtown	F. A. Force	91	..	..	3	..	3	105	2	..	..	2	*238	28 16	6 50	740 80	Montrose, "
Greenburgh	G. A. T. Goebel....	38	2	1	..	..	1	48	3	1	24	1	68	40 75	53 00	600 24	Elmsford, "
Greenville	J. A. Harper.....	40	..	..	..	..	..	50	..	..	..	1	72	13 48	.....	630 20	Scarsdale, "
Hastings	Orville L. Sigafoos....	80	11	12	3	..	2	105	8	6	..	1	120	42 59	12 00	1,683 04	Hastings-on-Hudson, "
Mount Vernon	C. H. Tyndall	150	16	5	10	..	1	308	6	..		2	200	823 38	44 50	5,876 00	Mount Vernon, "
Mile Square, Yonkers.	" " (S. S.)...	30	2	8	..	..	..	25	3	..		1	50	63 00	.....	300 00	Mount Vernon, "
Park Hill, "	Wm. P. Bruce (S. C.)...	125	15	18	7	..	2	212	6	1	100	1	225	384 00	75 00	4,681 00	71 Liv'ston Av., Yonkers, "
Peekskill	Henry de Vries.....	96	..	..	11	..	2	142	8	..	20	1	119	187 01	.....	1,704 96	Peeskill, "
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen.....	130	3	2	10	..	3	320	3	1	....	1	254	1,087 00	325 00	5,306 00	Tarrytown, "
Tarrytown, Second	Arthur F. Mabon	100	7	10	2	..	4	198	1	4	....	1	155	456 24	65 10	2,453 63	" "
Unionville	Albert Kniper.....	45	..	..	2	..	1	70	2	..		1	50	20 00	182 54	852 50	Neperan, "
Yonkers, First	Fred W. Cutler (P. E.).	150	4	3	10	..	6	231	13	3		1	1164	275 09	22 36	5,147 46	Yonkers, "
	Total.....	1155	61	65	48	..	25	1914	60	16	144	15	1825	$4,208 19	$953 75	$31,972 83	

* Including Home Department.

Other Ministers.—Rev. David Cole, J. H. Bertholf, W. W. Rand, J. G. Gebhard, Yonkers, N. Y.; L. C. Andrews, Springfield, Mass; F. M. Bogardus, Asbury, Park, N. J.; T. E. Inglis, Denver, Col.; J. W. Hoyt, Jr., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; James Bolton, Millstone, N. J.; Howard Harris, Frank Scudder, Japan; J. J. Bogardus, M. D., Jersey City, N. J.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1902.

CLASSES.	No. of Churches.	No. of Ministers	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.
				Rec'd											Benevolent.			
				On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Arcot	24	23	2423	144	184	207	46	63	2442	301	194	2409	163	5394	$1,397 00	$101 00	$1,862.00	Lewis R. Scudder.
Hudson	11	14	1160	92	30	40	..	46	2142	50	38	602	16	1689	4,142.41	2,800.61	23,209.00	F. V. VanFranken.
Kingston	16	11	1481	89	42	58	1	65	2894	72	17	481	28	2617	2,175.52	390.21	16,198.18	H. Hageman.
North Long Island	25	30	2356	322	105	70	5	87	4462	409	45	506	30	7295	7,513 88	2,541.69	105,470.82	William H. TenEyck.
South Long Island	24	34	2702	318	156	104	..	87	6211	264	72	1062	26	8501	16,407.70	11,541.02	72,959.00	John S. Gardner.
New York	26	56	5374	819	379	169	4	117	11653	591	96	1795	38	12850	94,844.00	27,176.00	78,004.00	Henry V. S. Myers.
Orange	23	18	3024	179	65	78	.	87	3695	97	71	897	26	2943	4,214.16	1,009.26	28,520.30	Herman C. Berg.
Poughkeepsie	11	14	1221	56	25	34	1	54	2306	41	17	90	18	1454	5,729 00	2,970 00	25,766 00	A. P. VanGieson.
Westchester	13	22	1155	61	65	48	..	25	1914	60	16	144	15	1825	4,208.19	953.75	31,972.83	William P. Bruce.
Total	173	222	19896	2080	1051	808	57	631	37718	1885	566	7986	360	44568	$140,631.86	$49,483.54	$383,962.19	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by sub-committee on each of the Classes, and the reports were severally accepted and are as follows:

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Hudson would report that they have examined the Minutes of said Classis and find them correctly and excellently kept.

CHARLES J. SCUDDER.
GERARD BEEKMAN.

Classis of Kingston.—Your Committee have examined the records of the Classis of Kingston and find them neatly and accurately kept, and discover nothing requiring the attention of Synod.

P. V. VAN BUSKIRK.
JOHN TANNER.

North Classis of Long Island.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the North Classis of Long Island, would respectfully report, that they find them in order, and neatly and correctly kept.

C. E. LASHER.
JOHN HARDER.

South Classis of Long Island.—We have examined the Minutes of the South Classis of Long Island, and find them neatly and correctly kept.

W. E. COMPTON.
GEORGE B. BOYD.

Classis of New York.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of New York would report that they have examined the Minutes, and find them properly kept; and therefore recommend that they be approved.

WM. BANCROFT HILL.

Classis of Orange.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Orange, would report that they have examined them and find them correct.

J. H. SUYDAM.
F. R. BENJAMIN.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Your Committtee to examine into the Minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie, would report that the business of the Classis has received due consideration and that the records are neatly and correctly kept.

WM. P. BRUCE.
N. B. HUNTER.

Classis of Westchester.—Your Committee to whom was referred the Classis of Westchester, would respectfully report that they have carefully examined them and found them correct.

JOSEPH MILLETT.
J. C. EVANS.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Rev. James Demarest, D. D., offered some resolutions in relation to church extension within the bounds of the Synod, and especially in the Metropolitan District of New York, which were referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business. The Committee submitted the following report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business respectfully report: That they have had placed in their hands a paper referring to Church extension within the bounds of the Synod, and especially in the Metropolitan District of New York. After due consideration they submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, First:

That Synod appoint a Superintendent whose duty it shall be to seek for suitable places for the establishment of Sunday Schools, and the preaching of the Gospel within the bounds of this Synod and especially in the territory occupied by the Classis of New York, North Long Island, South Long Island and Westchester, with a view to permanent occupancy, as centers of evangelization, and to the organization of churches in due time.

Resolved, Second:

That each of the above named Classis, be requested to appoint, at the earliest practicable moment, one minister, and two or more laymen, who shall serve as Synod's Committee on Church Extension. This Committee together with Synod's Superintendent, shall have full charge of the above named work. In case the Synod do not appoint a Superintendent, this Committee shall have power to do so. The Committee shall present a yearly report to the Particular Synod. The salary of the Superintendent and other expenses incidental to

this work are to be secured and expended by this Committee.

This movement is intended as preliminary to the work and in full cooperation with the Board of Domestic Missions.

Resolved, Third:

That the Stated Clerk of Particular Synod communicate the above action to the several Classes named, with the request that they take action and report to him as soon as possible.

J. HOWARD SUYDAM.
WILLIAM E. COMPTON.
JOSEPH MILLETT.
GERARD BEEKMAN.
JOHN HARDER.

In connection with the above report the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when the Stated Clerk of the Synod shall receive from the Stated Clerks of the several Classes the proper notification of the appointment of the Committee referred to in the above report, he shall forward their names and addresses to the President of Particular Synod, who shall then convene the Committee and preside over its proceedings of organization; this, in order to secure the due appointment of officers of the Committee and entrance upon its work.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Reported on by the Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon, after the organization was spent in devotional exercises, led by the Vice-President.

The bar of the house was designated.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the evening of the first day, immediately after the Synodical Sermon. The form was read by the President of Synod. The bread was administered by the Rev. J. H. Suydam, and the cup by the Rev. J. Vander Meulen. The element of the bread was distributed by Elders, Dale, Evans, Hunter, Tanner, and that of the wine by Elders, Harder, Benjamin, Mapes, Van Engen.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the President appoint a Committee of Arrangements, of which the Pastor of this Church shall be a member, to fix the hours of meeting and adjournment of the sessions of this Synod, and of the religious exercises, to select those who shall assist at the services connected with the Synodical sermon, to appoint the Ministers and Elders who are to administer and distribute the elements of the Lord's Supper, and to set the time for the reading of the papers and the hearing of the representatives of the Boards of the Church.

The President appointed as such Committee, Revs. M. A. Denman, David Cole and Elder F. R. Benjamin.

In accordance with their report which was accepted and adopted, the services were conducted on Tuesday evening as recorded. The representatives of the Boards and the readers of the papers were heard as recorded, and the sessions and services began and adjourned at the hours fixed therefor.

A paper was read by the Rev. Wm. B. Hill on "The person of Christ, and the Holy Scriptures;" and one by the Rev. Alfred Duncombe, on "Christian giving."

After the reading of these papers, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, First,

That the thanks of this Synod are due and hereby are extended to Rev. W. B. Hill and Rev. Alfred Duncombe, for the scholarly and practical papers, to which we have listened.

Resolved, Second,

That we express the hope that the writers will secure the publication of these papers in the public press, that the church at large may enjoy the pleasure and profit of their perusal.

On Tuesday afternoon, Rev. J. G. Gebhard, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, was heard in the interest of this work.

At the Wednesday morning session the Rev. W. W. Clark was heard on behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions, and the Rev. J. W. Conklin, on behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Rev. Denis Wortman, D. D., was heard in the interest of the Disabled Minister's Fund.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New York has heard with great interest and pleasure the address of the Rev. Denis Wortman, D. D., concerning the Disabled Minister's Fund, and earnestly calls the attention of all our churches to the pressing need that this fund be enlarged, in order that relief may be assured to the faithful servants of God who themselves, or whose families, may now be dependent.

The Rev. A. D. W. Mason was heard by the Synod on the subject of "Mission Study in our Sunday Schools."

On motion the following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That it would be to the delight and honor of our Reformed Church in America, to have President Roosevelt as its guests at the next meeting of General Synod, at Asbury Park, and that the Rev. Denis Wortman, D. D., as the President of General Synod, be requested to invite President Roosevelt to attend the Synod and grace and help it by his presence.

On motion the following were excused:

Revs. W. B. Hill, J. H. Suydam, H. Unglaub, W. E. Compton and Elders John Tanner and John Harder.

On motion, the following were made a committee in connection with the Stated Clerk, to examine the Archives of the Particular Synod, and directed to place the documents for preservation in the Archives of the Sage Library, at New Brunswick, N. J.: Revs. J. Vander Meulen, F. B. Seeley and Elder John S. Bussing.

The Committee on the popular service for Wednesday evening reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The President to preside and addresses to be delivered by Rev. J. Preston Searle, D. D., on "Our Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick;" and Rev. J. W. Conklin, on "Foreign Missionary Work."

The following resolution was adopted in reference to a popular service for next year:

Resolved, That there be a popular service on the second evening of the session of Synod for 1903, provided the pastor of the entertaining church desires such a service, and that in case such a service be desired, the pastor and Elder Reuben Bernard and the Stated Clerk be directed to arrange the program.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to call the attention of the Classes of Kingston and North Long Island to the fact that they were not represented by Elder delegates at this session of the Synod.

On motion the Committee on Nominations were requested to select persons for reading papers at the next regular meeting of this Synod. The Committee recommended that the following be appointed to read papers on subjects of their own selection at the next regular session of the Synod: Rev. Charles Park, primarius, Rev. C. E. Lasher, secundus; Rev. A. H. Brush, D. D., primarius and Rev. Arthur Mason, secundus.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to procure the printing of 325 copies of the Minutes of this session of Synod.

On motion, the following resolution of thanks was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New York, gathered in annual session in the Twelfth St., Reformed Church, of Brooklyn, presents its thanks to the pastor and people for the hospitality so graciously extended to the members of Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

The Treasurer presented the following account which which was read and referred to the Committee on Treasurer's accounts, and their report which was accepted and adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts would respectfully report that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them correct. There has also been placed in our hands a bill of $13.06 incurred by the Rev. Charles Park in attending the meeting on "Church Federation," held in the City of Rochester, Nov. 1901. Inasmuch as the Rev. Mr. Park was the delegate of the Synod, we recommend that the Treasurer of the Synod be authorized to pay this bill.

C. E. LASHER, *Chairman.*

Dr. PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK IN ACCOUNT WITH THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, TREASURER. Cr.

1901.				1901.			
May 17.	To Cash	paid Mrs. Daniel Van Pelt for one year's salary of Rev. D. VanPelt, D. D., deceased, as ordered by Synod	$100 00	May 7.	By Cash	balance from old account	$287 19
"				Aug. 1.	"	from R. M. Shepard Esq., Treas., Classis of Hudson	28 00
June 5.	"	paid R. W. Anderson & Son for 300 copies Minutes of 1901.	114 00	" 5	"	from Rev. Hasbrouck DuBois, Treas., Classis of New York	65 00
6.	"	paid Rev. Herman Hageman, for expressage on trunk, etc.	2 40	Oct. 10.	"	from Rev. Herman Hageman, Treas. Classis of Kingston	38 00
"	"	paid Rev. Herman Hageman, for postages and envelopes	4 58	" 23.	"	from Rev. John S. Gardner, Treas. South Classis of Long Island	53 00
"	"	paid Rev. Herman Hagemen, for doorkeeper at New Paltz	5 00	1902.			
"	"	paid Rev. Herman Hageman, for salary as Stated Clerk for year		Jan. 17.	"	from Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D. D., Treasurer Classis of Poughkeepsie	28 00
1902.		ending May 1st, 1902	100 00	Mar. 15.	"	from Rev. Sheldon Vandeburg, Treas. Classis of Orange	50 00
May 1.	"	Balance due Synod to new acct	313 21	April 2.	"	from Hermon H. Shook, Esq., Treas. North Classis of Long Island	58 00
				" 10.	"	from H. L. Garrison, Esq., Treas. Classis of Westchester	32 00
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E. E. New York, May 1, 1902.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, Treasurer.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO SYNOD.

Classis of Arcot.

Rev. L. B. Chamberlain.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIAMRII.

Rev. W. E Compton,	Elder John Tanner,
" Charles Park,	" S. H. Blount,
" Charles Maar,	" Henry J. Best,

SECUNDI.

Rev. Geo. Z. Collier,	Elder John Harder,
" A. J. Walter,	" Wm. R. Cole,
" E. I. McCully,	" Jacob R. Gale,

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. L. MacNair,	Elder R. B. Dunn,
" Geo. Davis,	" Reuben Bernard,
" E. C. Oggel, D. D.	" N. Van Wagenen,

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. H. Schlieder,	Elder John A. Elmendorf,
" F. B. Seeley,	" Henry Abbey,
" C. E. Lasher,	" Hezekiah Hoffman,

Classis of North Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	Alfred Duncombe,	Elder	D. S. Wooley,
"	John C Rauscher,	"	J. S. Burroughs,
"	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, D.D.	"	Henry C. Korfman,
"	Howard W. Ennis,	"	M. Fackenthal,
"	Louis Francis, D. D.,	"	Wm. Boyd.

SECUNDI.

Rev.	Frank Malvin,	Elder	A. H. Schlesinger,
"	Alex. Shaw,	"	Thomas S. Paynter,
"	Robert K. Wick,	"	George L. Powell.
"	Fred'k. Stoebener,	"	Henry Feil,
"	Chas. K. Clearwater,	"	David Springsteen,

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	A. H. Brush, D. D.,	Elder	John V. Van Pelt,
"	J. M. Farrar, D. D.,	"	Samuel Rowland,
"	B. E. Dickhaut,	"	Wm. R. Bennett,
"	P. V. Van Buskirk,	"	Wm. H. Allgeo,

SECUNDI.

Rev.	C. L. Wells, D. D.,	Elder	John Bingham,
"	G. R. Israel,	"	J. C. Pool,
"	C. S. Wyckoff,	"	John F. Berry,
"	J. G. Addy,	"	John Buys,

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	A.E. Kittredge, D.D.	Elder	J. D. Shipman.
"	Wm. Vaughan,	"	Wautan.
"	Henry M. Cox,	"	William Maul,
"	W. C. Roe,	"	John S. Bussing,
"	Henry E. Cobb, D. D.	"	M. T. Bogert,
"	W. C. Stinson, D. D.,	"	E. B. Horton,

SECUNDI.

Rev.	A. G. Vermilye, DD.,	Elder	R. J. McCracken,
"	J. R. Duryee, D. D.,	"	C. L. Francisco,
"	J. H. Oerter, D. D.,	"	A. Patterson,
"	Roderick Terry, D.D.,	"	E. A. Dillenbeck.
"	H. V. S. Myers, D. D.,	"	S. H. Mapes,
"	James Hunter,	"	J. C. Giffing.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	H. C. Berg, D. D.,	Elder	W. E. Clark,
"	T. H. MacKenzie,	"	C. E. Cuddeback,
"	R. H. Beattie,	"	B. B. Odell,
"	J. L. Stillwell,	"	G. W. Decker,

SECUNDI.

Rev.	J. C. Forbes,	Elder	W. H. Wintermute.
"	J. E. Crane,	"	Edgar Smith,
"	W. W. Schomp,	"	T. L. Milspaugh,
"	B. T. Statesir,	"	R. D. Clark,

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. P. W. Pitcher,	Elder John W. Patton,
" W. A. Dumont,	" M. E. Curtis,
" Wm. B. Hill,	" Benson Van Vliet,

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. H. Huizinga, Ph.D.	Elder H. B. Rosa,
" W. V. D. Strong.	" Ernest Hayes.
" Henry N. Cobb, D.D.	" Geo. Gildersleeve.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. A. Kuyper,	Elder Edwin Moore,
" O. L. Sigafoos,	" Geo. Dingledine,
" F. A. Force,	" W. J. Charlton,

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. A. Harper,	Elder J. H. Thurton,
" H. de Vries,	" N. B. Hunter,
" J. G. Gebhard,	" Wm. Powles.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTION TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned to meet in regular annual session

on the first Tuesday of May 1903, at 3 o'clock, in the Fair Street Reformed Church, Kingston, N. Y.

ARTICLE XXIV.

The minutes were read and approved. The roll was called and the Synod adjourned after prayer, and the pronouncing of the Benediction by the President.

(*Signed,*)

J. E. LYALL, *President.*
CHARLES PARK, *Vice-President.*

J. VANDER MEULEN,
GEO. Z. COLLIER,
Temporary Clerks.

Attest: A true Copy.

HERMAN HAGEMAN, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF THE SYNOD SINCE THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTICULAR SYNODS, 1870-1902.

1870—Rev. M. S. Hutton, D. D. . . . . Yonkers.
1871—Rev. Goyn Talmage . . . . . Flushing.
1872—Rev. E. P. Rogers, D. D . . . . Rhinebeck.
1873—Rev. John A. Todd, D. D. . . . . Tarrytown (1st).
1874—Rev. G H. Mandeville, D D. . . Poughkeepsie (2nd).
1875—Rev. John McC. Holmes, D. D. . Brooklyn (1st).
1876—Rev. David Inglis, D. D . . . . Port Jervis.
1877—Rev. Joachim Elmendorf . . . Yonkers.
1878—Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D.D. . Newburgh.
1879—Rev. Charles I. Shepard. . . . . Greenpoint.
1880—Rev. Wm. Ormiston, D. D . . . Mount Vernon.
1881—Rev. David Cole, D. D . . . . . Montgomery.
1882—Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck. . . . Jamaica, L. I.
1873—Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M. D. . Brighton Heights. S. I.
1884—Rev. David N. Vanderveer . . . New York (South).
1885—Rev. Herman C. Berg . . . . . Yonkers.
1886—Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D. D. . Newburgh.
1887—Rev. Jacob Chamb'lain, D.D. M. D. Claverack.
1888—Rev. Wm. H. Gleason, D. D., . . Kingston.
1889—Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D. D., . . Poughkeepsie.
1890—Lewis Francis . . . . . N. Y. City (48th St. Col.)
1891—Rev. James Demarest. D. D. . . Tarrytown (1st).
1892—Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye, D. D., Brooklyn (S Bushwick).
1893—Rev John L. MacNair . . . . . N. Y. City (Bloomingdale).
1894—Rev. Ame Vennema . . . . . New Utrecht, L. I.
1895—Rev. Charles W. Fritts, D. D . . Fishkill, N. Y.
1896—Rev. Ferdinand S. Schenck, D.D. Yonkers, N. Y.
1897—Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D. D. . Jamaica, L. I.
1898—Rev. Alfred H. Brush, D. D . . Fishkill-on-Hudson.
1899—Rev. Herman Hageman . . . . . Walden.
1900—Rev. David J. Burrell, D. D . . Rhinebeck.
1901—Rev. William P. Bruce . . . . . New Paltz.
1902—Rev. J. Edward Lyall . . . . . Brooklyn (12th St.)

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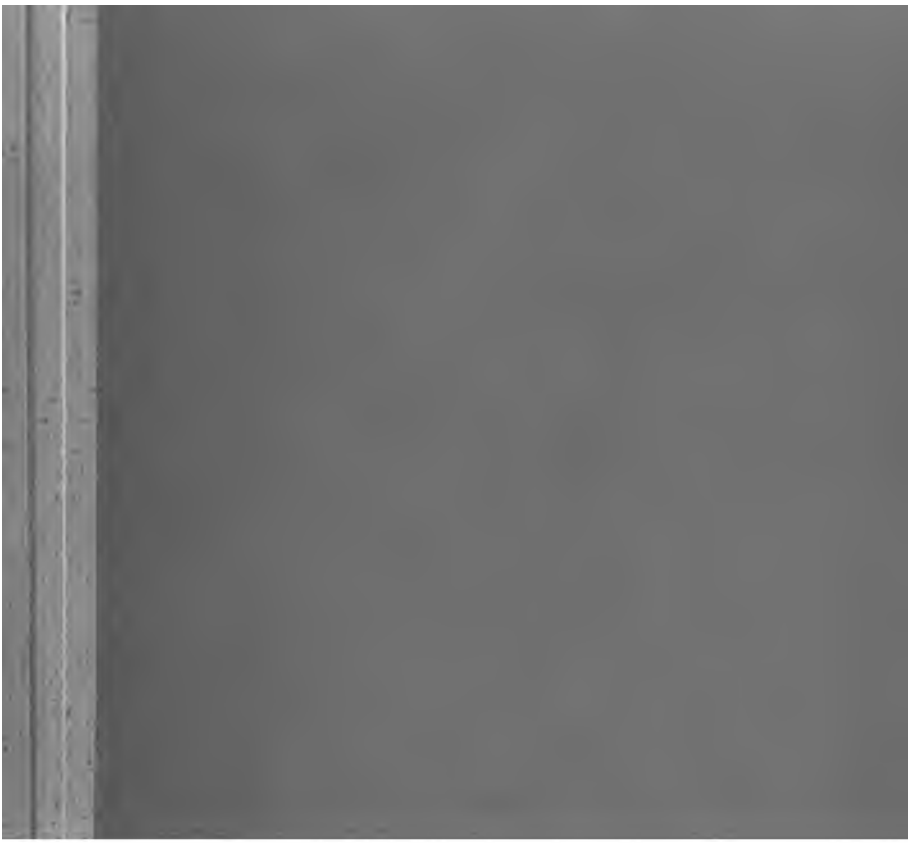

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FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod opened with prayer by the Rev. Charles Park, the retiring Vice-President. The Synodical sermon was preached on the evening of the first day of the session by the Rev. J. Edward Lyall, the retiring President, from Job 21:15, "What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have if we pray unto Him."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Hudson.—Revs. E. I. McCully, G. H Burrill, F. V. Van Vranken, Charles Park. *Elders*—A. J. TenBroeck, E. A. Milham, S. F. Elting, H. B. Putnam.

Classis of Kingston.—Revs. Frank B. Sealey, A. H. Schlieder, E. C. Oggel, J. L. MacNair. *Elders*—P. H. Osterhoudt, C. D. Newkirk, A. M. Hasbrouck, Jacob L. Snyder.

North Classis of Long Island.—Revs. Edward Niles, James C. Hume. *Elders*—E. J. Hendrickson, John Hahn.

South Classis of Long Island.—Revs. C. S. Wyckoff, J. M. Farrar, J. Demarest, H. J. Herge. *Elders*—A. B. Shaw, J. V. VanPelt, A. T. Lumby.

Classis of New York.—Revs. H. M. Cox, H. C. Weber. *Elder*—David Henry.

Classis of Orange.—Revs. J. A. Thurston, Herman C. Berg, T. H. Mackenzie. *Elders*—Geo. S. Kimble, C. F. Van Inwegen.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Revs. J. E. Lyall, Wm. A. Dumont, A. P. Van Gieson, Henry F. Hamlin. *Elder*—Franklin Sutton.

Classis of Westchester.—H. DeVries, W. S. C. Webster, O. L. Sigafoos, David Cole. *Elders*—Fred. Sprenger, W. J. Charlton, N. B. Hunter.

ARTICLE III.

The Rev. Thomas H. MacKenzie was elected President and the Rev E. Christian Oggel, D. D., was elected Vice-President. The Revs. J. A. Thurston and H. C. Weber were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

The minutes of the Session of 1902 were read.

The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschooten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order was suspended by unanimous consent.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES—Revs. J. M. Farrar, O. L. Sigafoos, H. DeVries. *Elders*—John Hahn, W. J. Charlton

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES—*Hudson*—Rev. A. H. Schlieder. *Elder*—E. J. Hendrickson. *Kingston*—Rev. James Demarest. *Elder*—A. B. Shaw. *North Long Island*—Rev. C. S. Wyckoff. *Elder*—David Henry. *South Long Island*—Rev. H. C. Berg. *Elder*—E. A. Milham *New York*—Rev. W. A. Dumont. *Elder*—C. F. Van Inwegen. *Orange*—Rev H. F. Hamlin. *Elder*—F. Sprenger. *Poughkeepsie*—Rev. W. S. C. Webster. *Elder*—S. F. Elting. *Westchester*—Rev. E. I. McCully. *Elder*—A. M. Hasbrouck.

ON CLASSICAL REPORTS AND STATE OF RELIGION.—Revs. T. H. MacKenzie, Chas. Park, F. B. Seeley. *Elders*—J. V. Van Pelt, N. B. Hunter.

ON TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.—Revs. E. Niles, G. H. Burrill, H. J. Herge. *Elders*—J. L. Snyder, C. F. Van Inwegen.

ON OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—Revs. F. V. Van Vranken, J. L. MacNair, C. S. Wyckoff. *Elders*—Peter H. Osterhoudt, A. T. Lumby.

ON NOMINATIONS.—Revs. H. M. Cox, David Cole, W. A. Dumont. *Elders*—A. J. Ten Broeck, C. D. Newkirk.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from the Board of Foreign Missions, informing the Synod that the Board had authorized the Rev. M. H. Hutton, D. D., to present the interest of said Board before the Synod, was read and referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

A Communication from the Board of Domestic Missions, informing the Synod that the Rev. W. W. Clark had been appointed its representative at this session of the Synod, was read and referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

A communication from the Rev. G. H. Burrill, pastor of the Claverack Reformed Church, N. Y., inviting the Synod to hold its next annual session in his church was read, and the invitation was accepted with thanks.

A communication from Rev. A. D. W. Mason asking for an opportunity to present the Young Peoples' Work was read and referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

The Stated Clerk of the Classis of New York called the attention of Synod to the vacancy in the Board of Superintendents at New Brunswick Seminary of the member-at-large from this Synod, and the communication was referred to the Committee on Synodical References.

The action of the last Synod inviting President Roosevelt to attend the meeting of General Synod was communicated to him, and the following letter was received in reply to the invitation:

WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON,
May 22, 1902.

My Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 19th instant has been received, and in reply I beg to say that the President, very much to his regret, has been obliged to decline the invitation extended to him to attend the meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Church to be held at Asbury Park in June.

With assurance that your courtesy in writing is appreciated, believe me,

Very truly yours,

GEO. B. CORTELYOU,

Secretary to the President.

To REV. H. HAGEMAN,
High Falls, N. Y.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Bruns-

wick have been examined by your Committee. We find two items requiring action by this Synod. They have a vital relation to our Theological Seminaries and we therefore call your careful attention to them.

1. The term of office of Elder J. G. Giffing as a member-at-large of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick expires in May, 1903.

2. The term of office of Rev. E. B. Coe, D.D., as a member-at-large of the Board of Superintendents of the Western Theological Seminary at Holland, Mich., expires in May, 1903.

We recommend the required action.

J. M. FARRAR,
O. L. SIGAFOOS,
WM. J. CHARLTON,
HENRI DEVRIES,
JOHN HAHN.

In accordance with this recommendation, Prof. M. T. Bogert was nominated as a member-at-large of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick and the Rev. E. B. Coe, D.D., as a member-at-large of the Western Seminary at Holland, Mich.

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on Classical Reports on the State of Religion reported. It was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report:

The Synod of New York now consists of only eight Classes, as the Classis of Arcot has been transferred to the Synod of South India.

Any comparisons that are made between this report and those of former years must be made with that fact in view.

A glance at the Statistical Summary shows that 2,782 new names have been added to our Communion Roll, while 1,275 have left us by dismission, suspension and death.

This would seem to give us a net gain of 1,507. But further study of figures reveals that our net gain is only 669. Where are the other 838? By an examination of the statistics we find that 8 churches have revised their rolls. What would our real number be if the other 141 churches cut off an average of over 100 members each?

A study of former reports shows that in 1900, 33

churches revised their rolls and this Synod lost 2,249 members. Other year's tables will show us that in the last six years we have lost more than 5,000 members by this back door of revision. And yet there is a hopeful tone to the report of every Classis and every church.

Your Committee admires the ability of some men to extract the spirit of hope from the conditions which the statistics reveal, but is constrained to ask whether there be not ground for demanding a searching inquiry into our church life? Is it not deplorable that thousands of church members in our little Synod should hold church membership so lightly in esteem as to wander away from church service, remove to other homes, refuse to ask for dismission, and accept excommunication by revision, and have no regard for this unlawful cutting off?

Is it not quite as important for us to feed and so have the oversight of the sheep who are in the fold that we know where they are, as it is for us to bring them in at the first instance? If the masses of the people are ungodly and indifferent to the church's claims upon them, possibly it can be explained by the church's own careless attitude toward her own sheep. In the light of our Lord's three parables in Luke, 15th chapter, what should be our attitude toward these lost sheep? How long should we search for them? Until we are tired? No. Until we are discouraged? No. But *until we find them.*

We recommend that instead of revising hundreds and thousands of men and women out of the church, that the Classes and Consistories institute a search and bring these lost sheep back to the Great Shepherd's fold. Surely it is as important to keep them as it is to win them.

We all know how difficult it is to keep a stable communion list in this age of migration and shifting homes. But there may be a remedy in deeper work, in magnifying the meaning of church membership, in affectionately urging our removing members to take letters and unite with other churches when they go beyond the bounds of the parish to which they belong, and in all kindness to require of them attendance upon communion and contributions until they do.

This Synod has given $35,000 less for congregational purposes than last year, and has increased its gifts for benevolence a little more than .07 per member.

We call the attention of the Classis of New York and the South Classis of Long Island to the persistent neglect of their heavily endowed churches to report their contributions for congregational purposes. This is in accord with minutes of General Synod (Vol. 3, page 183) printed on the back of all blank forms for Statistical Reports. A little more emphasis upon the spirit of obedience and love for the Church is needed, for obedience and love for the Church is obedience and love for the Great Head of the Church.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. LYALL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

Faithful efforts without statistical increase in membership are indicated by the reports. The average number received on confession is about three, no church receiving more than six. Slight revision has

reduced the number of communicants to 10 less than the previous year, gains and losses being exactly equal. Adult baptisms are less than half as many as were reported a year ago; infant baptisms 12 less; Sunday School enrollment 186, and catechumens 241 less. Although this retrogression is discouraging the widespread desire for more extended spiritually vivifying influences and the faithful, though as yet only partially rewarded, efforts put forth, furnish legitimate ground for encouragement the coming year.

Offerings for denominational objects have increased $1,289.45, six churches giving more than a year ago. Four churches have contributed to all the Boards and Funds, six to the New Brunswick Seminary and one to that at Holland, Mich.; $5,644 less have been contributed for congregational purposes, due in part to fewer improvements of church property; $2,278.85 less have been given for "other objects." All the Churches hope soon to enjoy the ministrations of settled pastors.

A summary of the year's work is appended:

Claverack.—The year has been marked by healthful activity. The various organizations, especially the Sunday School and Missionary Society, are doing excellent work. The Church reports the largest number of accessions of any in the Classis, but feels the need of a fresh and deeper spiritual awakening. Six Boards and Funds, besides other worthy causes, have been the recipients of its gifts.

Gallatin reports a year of sustained activity, though for five months without a pastor. Offerings have been made to five Boards and Funds. A pastor will soon be settled.

Germantown reports a year of quiet, substantial progress, vigorous activity in its two Christian En-

deavor Societies, Circle of King's Daughters and Missionary Auxiliary; special evangelistic efforts, good morning audiences and a marked and commendable increase in its denominational offerings, made to four Boards and Funds and to the New Brunswick Seminary. An earnest desire for more widespread spiritual blessings is expressed.

Greenport has had good attendance at its services and a healthful prayer-meeting life. Contributions, nearly equal to those a year ago, have been made to six Boards and Funds and to the New Brunswick Seminary. The changing nature of the neighboring population is reported as a ground of discouragement.

Hudson sends only a statistical report, indicating larger expenditures for Congregational purposes, including repairs on church property, and increased total gifts for denominational objects, taking in all the Church Boards and Funds and the New Brunswick and Western Seminaries.

Linlithgo at-Livingston, reports growth in membership and encouraging increase in all three classes of contributions. Four Church Boards and Funds have been remembered.

Livingston-at-Linlithgo, though pastorless for eight months, reports well sustained services, also special evangelistic efforts and somewhat reduced offerings to three Boards and Funds.

Mellenville still suffers from local industrial depression, and no marked progress is noted. A long-needed reorganization of the Christian Endeavor Society has been made. Special services have been held, and offerings made to the New Brunswick Seminary and all the Church Boards and Funds.

Philmont has held special services at three periods of the year, reports better prayer meetings, though, as yet, with no extensive visible results commensurate with the faithful efforts put forth. There has been, however, a healthful increase in the offerings made to the seven Boards and Funds and to the New Brunswick Seminary. More clearly marked spiritual blessings are prayerfully sought.

Upper Red Hook contemplates extensive improvements on its Church property, and reports gifts to the New Brunswick Seminary and all our Church Boards and Funds, and a fairly prosperous year.

West Copake has for some months enjoyed the services of a pastor-elect, soon to be installed. Its roll has been revised and offerings made to five Boards and Funds.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The pastoral relation between Rev. W. E. Compton and the Church of West Copake was dissolved on June 16th, 1902, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Paramus.

The pastoral relation between Rev. A. Judson Walter and the Church at Gallatin was dissolved Oct. 22d, 1902, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia.

The Rev. F. K. Shield was dismissed on July 7th, 1902, to the Classis of Kingston.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. Z. COLLIER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

Your Committee on the State of Religion respectfully presents the following:

We have reports from every church in Classis. One report came by express, ten days before this meeting; verily "a new thing under the sun." Let the brother's name be written in marble, for "the likes of him we ne'er shall see again." The majority of the reports came by freight. Three arrived at the eleventh hour. Let it not be imagined, however, that this is carelessness on the part of our brethren. No, perish the thought! It is rather indicative of the unbounded faith in the marvellous intellectual activity of the Chairman of the Committee at the very last moment to add fifteen columns of figures and institute a comparison between this year's results and those of the year previous.

Bloomingdale.—Statistical report only, which is encouraging, however, as twelve persons have during the past year been received on confession.

The Clove.—Every department of church work has been attended to with regularity and fidelity. The past year is "the banner year" of this Church in Denominational contributions, these amounting to nearly six hundred dollars. The Church looks hopefully and prayerfully forward to greater usefulness and efficiency. Seven received on confession.

Dashville Falls.—Statistical report only. Three were received on confession.

Gardiner.—Statistical report only. Twelve persons received on confession.

Guilford.—This Church reports, that in spite of the regular means of grace, but little spiritual interest has been manifested. Yet, though "cast down," the hope and the strength of our brethren are in Israel's God. Their fervent prayer is, "Lord, revive Thy work." One received on confession.

Hurley.—The report presents both a sunny and a shady side. The former is the increase in the benevolences; the latter is the danger which confronts this Church of its decline, unless protestant families shall move into the community and strengthen the organization. Two received on confession.

Kingston, Fair Street.—The attendance upon the regular services of the house of God has been increasingly good. The mission work of our Church has received greater attention and support. There has been co-operation with the committee of Synod on evangelistic work, but with no apparent results. There is thankfulness, however, for abundant mercies and prayer for more earnest devotion to the Christ. Five received on confession.

Krumville.—This Church has no settled pastor, but has enjoyed the frequent and faithful ministrations of the Rev. C. L. Clist of Stone Ridge.

Lyonsville.—Statistical report only. One received on confession.

Marbletown.—There have been a few additions on confession, distinct evidence of the Spirit's power. There have been under the pastor's care five congregations: Stone Ridge, Cottekill, Lamontville, Lyonsville and Krumville. It is thought that for greater efficiency the consolidation of these organizations would be desirable. Four received on confession.

North Marbletown.—The former church edifice

was destroyed, but a new one has been erected and dedicated, which causes rejoicing. The future seems full of hope and of usefulness for the Master. One received on confession.

New Paltz.—We have contributed to all the Boards and other philanthropic causes. We have again co-operated with the Anti-saloon League in the practical application of Temperance principles. The ladies have been active and successful in behalf of our Church and for Home and Foreign Missions. The Word has been preached regularly during the year. The Sacraments have at stated seasons been administered. Eleven persons have been received on profession of faith.

Rochester. – Of the $2,714.43, under the head of Congregational contributions, $1,753.31 was the amount contributed this year toward the building and furnishings of the new church, which is entirely clear of debt. This Church reports 28 received on confession.

Rosendale.—Our congregations are increasing. We are in a fair condition for prosperity. We hope to do our best for the Boards of the Church. Nine persons received on confession.

Rosendale Plains.—We are glad to report a healthy growth along every line of Church work, and believe that the past year's efforts are preparing the way for larger results. Nine persons received on confession.

St. Remy.—Only a statistical report. Four persons were received on confession.

In summing up we would remark with gratitude to the ever-present Head of the Church:

1st.—That, as compared with last year's statistics, we have now a total in communion of 2,894, which is

a gain of 131 over last year's communicants; a gain of $83 to denominational objects, a gain of $18 to other objects and a gain of $2,745 to Congregational objects.

2.—We recognize with thanksgiving and praise the gladdening fact that nearly all the vacant churches have, during the past year, been supplied and most worthy men have been installed as pastors of these churches.

3.—While there do not appear to have been any so-called revivals among us, yet your Committee believes that in manifold ways God has been very gracious indeed to the Classis of Kingston.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The Rev. Wm. H. Kershaw was installed as pastor of the Reformed Church of Rosendale, N. Y.

The Rev. Frederick K. Shield was installed as pastor of the combined churches of Rosendale Plains and Dashville Falls.

The Rev. Floyd L. Cornish was installed as pastor of the Reformed Church of Gardiner, N. Y.

The Rev. W. P. Francisco was ordained to the Gospel Ministry and installed as pastor of the Reformed Church of Rochester.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Joseph Millett and the churches of Bloomingdale and St. Remy was dissolved and Mr. Millett dismissed to the Presbytery of Aberdeen, South Dakota.

May 14, 1903, Rev. Samuel T. Searle was called to his eternal reward. He had been for 55 years an ordained minister of the gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. OGGEL, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully submit the following report:

All the Churches of the Classis have sent Consistorial reports except Old Bushwick and East Williamsburgh. A larger number have been added to the Churches on confession and by letter this year than last year. The total membership of the churches has been increased by 281 members.

Jamaica sends only statistical table. From this we learn that the Church is in an excellent condition. A large number have been added on confession and by certificate. The number of families has been increased and also the Church membership. A larger sum has been raised for Denominational objects this year than last year. The Sabbath Schools also are prosperous.

Newtown has enjoyed a year of unusual prosperity along spiritual and financial lines. All departments of Church activity are doing good work. A goodly number have been added to the membership and the work at Winfield keeps on flourishing.

Oyster Bay reports a year of steady growth. Services are well attended. The Church Hymnary has been secured and more has been raised for Denominational objects than last year.

North Hemstead has had a year of solid growth. There have been additions on confession and by letter. The number of families has been increased, so also has the Church membership. The Sabbath School holds its own. More has been raised for Congregational expenses than last year. People are united and active.

Williamsburg still continues to suffer because of removals and deaths. Since the resignation of the

Rev. Howard Wilbur Ennis, a number of ministers have been heard, and last January arrangements were made with the Rev. E. D. Bailey of the Presbytery of Brooklyn to minister to them till the summer vacation. Since Mr. Bailey's labor with them they have decided to have him supply their pulpit till the close of the year.

Astoria has had a year of steady and substantial growth. Services are well attended and a number have been added on confession of faith. Sabbath School is stronger than ever.

Flushing has had an exceptional year. The largest number of accessions in the history of the Church have been added this year. The debt on the church has been cancelled. The income of the church has increased to equal its expenses. Several clubs have been organized. Special lectures were given during the year on "Tissot's Life of Christ" and "Travels in the Holy Land."

Kent Street Brooklyn sends a most admirable and encouraging report. Not since 1890 have they been blessed with so large a number of accessions on confession. There is a wide-awake interest in the societies of the church. The Sabbath Schools are in a flourishing condition. Gifts for Congregational expenses and for benevolence have been large. The gifts of the Mission for its own maintainance and for Mission work in foreign lands have been unusually large. There is a marked interest in all things.

South Bushwick is our banner Church. Faithful pastoral work and an earnest, praying people working hand in hand have been wonderfully blessed; 124 have been added to the church and 90 of these on confession. Every department of activity is stronger than

last year. All services are well attended. Contributions for benevolences have almost doubled. The Chapel is being renovated, beautified and enlarged, so that those wishing to go to Sabbath school need not be turned away.

Second Astoria has enjoyed a year of quiet and solid growth. The Ladies' Aid Society of this Church still continues to be a strong right arm. A large part of their indebtedness has been cancelled. A goodly number has been added on confession. Another of their efficient Elders has been called home to his reward.

East Williamsburg sends no report. The situation of this Church is a trying one. But there is no place where a Church is more needed. Its Sabbath school as well as the Church does a work which is needed in the community.

Queens continues to hold its own. Nothing special has occurred. Work has been steadily going on in all departments.

German Evangelical, Brooklyn, is steadily advancing against its adverse circumstances. There is a noticed earnest spirit among the people. All services are well attended. By the blessing of God this Church is becoming what it ought to be.

Sayville has gone through one of its hardest years. Some of the members left the Church because of certain labor troubles outside the Church. The hardships of the year did not make this loyal people forget their obligations to their Church. They have increased their offerings to Denominational objects and have raised 573 dollars for their parsonage debt. Peace and confidence now prevail.

Locust Valley has enjoyed marked progress along the lines of spiritual growth and temporal improvement. Their membership has grown and more has been raised for Congregational expenses than last year. With all the discouragements of transition in population this Church, endowed with the spirit of God, is pressing onward. Soon offerings will be made to all Boards of the Church.

College Point holds its own amid discouraging circumstances. There has been progress during the year in every department of activity. A number have been added to the membership. Peace and harmony prevail.

First Long Island City rejoices in the manifestation of renewed vigor. The past year has been a year of the deepening of the spiritual life. Growth in grace has characterized the people rather than large numbers to the roll. Pastoral visitation has been faithfully performed. All services have been well attended. The Young People have been diligent. Sunday School is prosperous and the pastor is encouraged by the whole-hearted interest taken by all in the Church work.

Bushwick sends no report.

German Evangelical, Jamaica, has had another year of great blessing. Their church has been remodeled and enlarged. A new two-Manual Pipe Organ has been placed fn the church. The accessions on confession have been large. The future is bright before them and all the services are well attended.

Hicksville brings an encouraging report. Battling against great odds they are able to hold their own and grow. Ten have been added during the year.

This year they expect to pay off their mortgage. God's spirit seems to be at work with this people. May He continue to bless them.

German Newtown reports a marked change for good in the entire Church. The Church lacked system. But since things are done systematically improvement is noted in Church work, Sabbath-School work and among the young people. New scholars have been added to the Sabbath school and a new Young People's Society has been organized. Pastor and people look forward to greater things in the future.

Stienway deserves honorable mention. The pastor has been so used of God that the Church membership has been doubled since 1900. The missionary Society of the Church has paid the salary of a student missionary to Indian Territory, and this resulted in the organizing of a Church. A larger amount has been given to missions this year than last year. Attendance is increasing and peace prevails.

Church of Jesus has had a very trying year. Their pastor, the Rev. Gustave Schumacher, preached but one Sunday after his installation, when he was called to come up higher. Much honor is due the loyal consistory which held this Church together when it seemed as if it must disband. The Rev. J. C. Guenther has received a unanimous call to this field in the Master's vineyard. We ask God's blessing on pastor and people.

New Hyde Park has had a year of steady growth. Some have been added to the membership. An earnest interest is taken in all services.

Sunny Side reports a year of steady progress. The spiritual condition of the Church has been bright and

hopeful. There has been a goodly increase in the membership. All services are well attended. Sabbath School is doing excellent work. The church and parsonage have been painted.

The following changes have taken place:

The Rev. Gustave Schumacher who was received by this Classis from the Presbytery of Elizabeth, N. J., Oct. 21, 1902, labored for a short time in the field at the Church of Jesus, Brooklyn, when he was called to his reward.

The Rev. W. D. Ward was received from the Classis of Greene and was installed pastor of the Oyster Bay Church July 16, 1902.

The Rev. Walter T. Scudder was received from the Classis of Arcot, India, July 7, 1902.

The pastoral relationship between the Church of Williamsburg and the Rev. Howard Wilbur Ennis was dissolved September 1, 1902.

The pastoral relationship between the Rev. J. C. Hume and the Old Bushwick Church was dissolved November 1, 1902.

The Rev. W. H. Phraner was received from the Classis of Illinois October 21, 1902.

The Rev. James Demarest, D.D., was dismissed to the South Classis of Long Island Nov. 26, 1902.

The statistical table is appended.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CHARLES RAUSCHER,

Chairman.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee respectfully reports:

Returns from all the Churches of the Classis, with the exception of Bedford, have been forwarded prior to the date of this meeting, which returns were also all complete with the exception of a few items. The committee has exercised exceptional care in footing the statistics. In comparison with the statistics in the Minutes of General Synod for 1902 there appears to be a decrease in total membership of 95 and also a decrease of contributions for Denominational objects of $28.73 and an increase for other objects of $2,819.87.

The following is an epitome of the reports of the individual Churches:

First Reformed has passed a happy and helpful year, records a marked interest in the prayer meetings, a decided increase in contributions, and encouragement in all the work.

Flatbush.—The services and ordinances have been regularly maintained and faithfully administered, the Sunday School is in a prosperous material and spiritual condition, and the Young People's Meeting is interesting and well attended. Two items of special note are recorded: First. The request by the congregation of Grace Reformed Chapel to be organized as a separate Church, and the accomplishment of that organization under the name, Grace Reformed Church, on March 1, 1903, followed by the installation of Rev. Charles S. Wyckoff, as pastor of the said church, on March 25, 1903. Second. The commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D. D., by tendering a suitable public and congregational reception to Dr. and Mrs. Wells, held in

the chapel of the venerable organization on the evening of March 31, 1903.

Grace Reformed notices the organization of this new Church and the installation of the pastor, Rev. Charles S. Wyckoff.

New Utrecht.—A year uneventful but not void of interest and of gratifying results, both material and spiritual.

Gravesend.—The means of grace are well attended, with an enlarged interest in the Sunday School and the Young People's Societies. The changes in the community occasioned by death and removal, and the lack of interest evinced by the incoming element leave the future of the church problematical, but "we are holding our own."

Flatlands.—Sincere interest and earnest sympathy have been displayed in all things connected with the prosperity of the Church; all departments of Church work being zealously prosecuted. The Sunday School continually increases and the arrival of new population in the vicinity continually opens new opportunities of usefulness.

New Lots.—"The present pastorate, after twenty-six years of uninterrupted service, terminates on May 1, 1903. Taking into account the two items, benevolence and reception of members on confession, during these twenty-six years, it may readily be seen that the Lord has blessed the labors of his servant."

East New York.—Eighteen of those uniting on confession were from the Sunday School.

South Brooklyn.—Although the congregation is still worshiping in a hall the Sabbath attendance has been a most gratifying success. We are earnestly ex-

pecting the occupation of our new building in the near future, thus allowing more aggressive work.

Twelfth Street.—The Church is prosperous, all debts paid, many excellent repairs made, nearly $10,000 in the bank for the new Sunday-School building; the congregation is growing and the outlook is hopeful.

Second Flatbush.—Another year of the blessings of peace and harmony. We are making earnest effort to pay the remaining debt on our parsonage.

Church-on-the-Heights.—During the year Bethany Chapel has united with the North Reformed Church under the name Bethany Reformed Church. The Church-on-the-Heights is gratified by the way in which the new organization starts, intending still to maintain a practical interest in its affairs.

Bethany Reformed.—Recites the merging of the North Reformed Church and Bethany Chapel on the first Sunday of October last, under overtures from the Church-on-the-Heights. By unanimous vote of the consistory and general approval of the membership the name, Bethany Reformed Church, was adopted. Rev. James Demarest, D. D., was installed pastor on Dec. 11, 1902. In the same month the membership of the consistory was increased to ten, by the election of an elder and deacon from among the former membership of Bethany Chapel. The union of the two Sunday Schools is a source of great strength, in which connection grateful acknowledgement is due to the services of the Superintendent, Mr. Joseph A. Davidson, who acted in this capacity for many years in Bethany Chapel, and also to the teachers who retain their connection with the school since the union. Grateful mention is also made of the fact that the

Church-on-the-Heights continues the financial aid formerly extended to Bethany Chapel. Spiritual blessings have not been lacking, as may be seen from the statistical report.

New Brooklyn.—The past year was marked by our golden jubilee, and extended alterations and improvements, involving an outlay of nearly $7,000. The people, however, have responded nobly in raising the required amount without incurring a penny of debt. There has been progress materially and spiritually. May the succes of the past be a prophecy of larger blessing in the future.

Canarsie.—The report of this Church shows progression. There is a grand field for the Church at this location.

St. Thomas, W. I., rejoices in the addition of sixteen to the membership, fourteen of these being received on confession, and thirteen of the latter, were from the Sunday School. Several new societies have been organized during the past year: The Dorcas Society, visiting and assisting the poor, aged, sick and infirm; a Young Men's Association, whose main object is to interest young men and boys in the work of the Church. We ask for the continued interest in and prayer for our Church from every member of our Classis.

Ocean Hill.—Spiritually we have been richly blessed, and we have also closed the fiscal year without debt for current expenses. The Sunday School has increased its enrollment by sixty-five over last year. The societies are flourishing and the services well maintained.

Edgewood reports more additions to membership this year than any since organization, with one excep-

tion, sound financial condition, new church building progressing favorably and nearing completion, spiritual life of the Church receiving new impulse and special attention, trying to do the King's business in a business-like way.

Ridgewood.—Financial obligations and expenses for external improvements and adornments have been fully met. The manifestation of spiritual life is not all that is desired, but there is prayerful determination to endure and labor and hope for blessing.

Greenwood Heights.—All departments of Church work have been regularly maintained, and considerable interest has been manifested. Seven additions to the Communion were received from the Sunday School, showing faithful teaching and earnest Christian desire.

Bay Ridge.—A year of real joy in our work; a year of interior spiritual growth and of marked interest along all lines of activity. A Men's Club and a Junior Society of Christian Endeavor, are the new organizations instituted.

German American, Reformed.—A blessed year. Financially we are encouraged. Spiritually the Lord has blessed us with the addition of twenty-two members. The Sabbath attendance has increased from forty to seventy. A well-attended English service is also held once a month.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The Rev. Dr. James Demarest was received from the North Classis of Long Island on Dec. 1st, 1902, and on Dec. 11th, 1902, installed pastor of Bethany Reformed Church.

The Rev. Chas. S. Wyckoff was, on March 25th, 1903, installed pastor of Grace Reformed Church Flatbush, Brooklyn.

The Rev. Christian Oswald was received on March 30, 1903, from the German Classis of Maryland, German Reformed Church, and installed pastor of the German American Church April 20th, 1903.

The Rev. John G. Addy on Oct. 21st, 1902, was dismissed to the Classis of Bergen.

The Rev. B. E. Dickhaut on April 21st, 1903, was dismissed to the Classis of New York.

The Rev. Nicholas Pearse on April 21st, 1903, was dismissed to the Classis of Hudson.

J. L. ZABRISKIE,
FRANCIS A. SEIBERT.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The Churches of the Classis of New York report as follows:

The Collegiate Church.—A comparison of the figures of the statistical report with those of the three previous years, 1900–1902, appears to show that the spiritual growth has not been keeping pace with the material prosperity, for the accessions to membership for the year have been less in number than any of the three years, while the contributions to Denominational objects have been larger. It is hoped that the results of the evangelistic work in the Churches will substan-

tially modify the inference to be drawn from the figures.

The Harlem Collegiate Church.—The Statistical report shows that the blessing of the Lord has crowned with success the labors of the pastors and of the workers in the various organizations of the congregations. Increased devotion to Denominational interests is evidenced by the action of the Second Church in assuming the support of the Rev. Frank Hall Wright as its own missionary in the Oklahoma Mission Field. High hopes are cherished for the success of the pastor-elect of the First Church, the Rev. Benjamin E. Dickhaut.

The South Church—The South Church reports, "We are trying to hold our own against surroundings of indifference to religion, and against losses by death and removal, and are succeeding fairly well."

Manor Chapel.—In his pastorate of thirteen years the pastor has never known a more satisfactory year of service. The spiritual work has been quiet and constant; the growth natural and healthy; the larger proportion of accessions has been the result of Sunday School and Christian Endeavor work. The attendance upon services is as good if not better than in other years. Institutional methods have of necessity been adopted, but are made subservient to the primary aim of saving and edifying in the spiritual sense.

Staten Island.—Statistics only.

Bloomingdale reports the subway has greatly interfered with our work, but on Easter Sunday we received thirty-six new members.

Madison Avenue added during the year 57; 29 by confession. The falling off of the Sunday School

enrollment is accounted for by a revision of the roll since the last report.

German Evangelical Mission.—In its contributions this Church has remembered all the Boards of the Church and rendered considerable assistance to other causes. The communion seasons are of peculiar pleasure, since they usually bring out in full numbers, members who are irregular in attendance owing to the distance of their residence from the Church, and because of stormy weather. The problem of Church location has become a serious one.

Huguenot and Prince's Bay.—These Churches are persevering in hope of the time when extended public improvements will bring an increase of residents, and especially those more interested in Church work.

Mott Haven.—The past year is believed to have been the brightest year in the history of the Church. Harmony has prevailed; 107 new members have been received, 75 upon confession, and already over 20 are seeking membership in June. Many over 30 years of age have found a Saviour and the Holy Spirit is certainly working in the hearts of the people. The attendance has been very good, and is constantly increasing until it is difficult to find seats at some of the morning services. It is felt that the work has but begun.

Union, High Bridge.—The report notes with encouragement a blessed and profitable year; the best attendance in spite of bad weather in the history of the Church. The Sunday School has grown and all the work among the young people is encouraging. The Church property has been improved, and everything seems to be in an encouraging condition.

Fourth German.—The past year has been eventful by reason of a change of Church location, necessitated by the conditions of population. A new edifice will be built, and there is hope of an increase of membership by reason of the change. The spiritual work in the congregation is carried on by the various agencies with earnestness and success.

Prospect Hill.—The year has shown progress in the organization of a Sunday School, now steadily growing; in the work of the Women's Guild; in the increased interest and attendance upon the services of Sunday, including a morning service begun in September; in the increase of financial support; in the resumption of benevolent work; and in the organization and maintenance of a Catechetical Class for the young people. In things spiritual there is a decided improvement.

Avenue B. German.

Brighton Heights.—Statistics only.

Sixty-eighth St., German.—Statistics only.

German Evangelical, St. Peter's.—Statistics only.

Grace.—The outlook was never more encouraging. It has been a year of united life. The figures of the statistical report do not indicate the work accomplished. Except during the summer months seven distinct organizations have met weekly and co-operated in the spiritual, social and intellectual life of the Church. All of these are stronger in numbers and doubly useful compared with a year ago. The attendance at worship has increased.

Hamilton Grange.—It has been a year of quiet, steady work. The special feature has been the quiet unusual consecration, enthusiasm, spirituality, and mis-

sionary interest manifested among the young people, which has been ahead of that of any previous year in the history of our Church.

Church of the Comforter.—The most notable event of the year has been the moving of the Church building to a new site. The Church services were not interrupted by the moving and the Church feels that it can confidently look forward to a permanent growth and prosperity.

Anderson Memorial.—Circumstances have prevented the prosecution of the work as actively as could be desired. Acting for the Church Extension Committee of the Classis the pastor has begun a work in a neighboring section which bids fair to develop ere long into a Church. A Sunday School has a large attendance, preaching services are held, a fund for building has been started, and a nucleus of membership of about 25 is already in sight.

West Farms.—The year has been one of prosperity; the Sunday School has increased in membership, the services for worship have been well maintained in spite of adverse conditions, and the membership of the Church has been increased by additions from the young people of the congregation.

Fordham.—Statistics only.

Bethany Memorial.—Statistics only.

Columbian Memorial.—The pastor, Mr. Roe, has been away on leave of absence since May last, and only partial services have been held during the year. Sunday School and Christian Endeavor have been as usual. There have been very few accessions to the Church during the year, but the spiritual tone seems about as usual.

Fort Sill "Apache" Mission.

Melrose.—No report.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

In August, 1902, Rev. Hasbrouck Dubois died.

Rev. William Vaughan has been obliged to give up work on account of ill health.

Rev. Edward S. Ralston has been dismissed to the Classis of Poughkeepsie, and Rev. James C. Stout to the Presbytery of East Florida.

Rev. Arthur Huntington Allen has been received from the Presbytery of Troy and installed pastor of the Brighton Heights Church.

Rev. Benjamin E. Dickhaut has been received from the South Classis of Long Island and arrangements made for his installation as pastor of the First Harlem Collegiate Church.

Rev. William S. Baker has been dismissed to the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Rev. William Reese Hart has been received from the Classis of Philadelphia and installed pastor of the Church of West Farms.

Rev. R. W. Courtney has been received from the Classis of New Brunswick and has become assistant in the 34th St. Church.

Revs. Henry Evertson Cobb and John Gerardus Fagg have been installed as ministers of the Collegiate Church of New York City.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM REESE HART,

Chairman.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

The Committee on the State of Religion would submit the following report:

Reports have been received from all the Churches except three: Cuddebackville, Walpack Upper, and Walpack Lower. We fear that some of the Churches have lost sight of the rule which requires the Consistorial reports to be sent at least ten days in advance of the meeting of Classis. Some of them were very late in arriving. In consequence of the absence of reports from three of the Churches, the statistics are necessarily incomplete, and the report of this committee is based upon those actually received.

The reports show that the Churches of our Classis have enjoyed a good degree of prosperity during the year, and that nearly all of them have added to their membership. While there has been in no case a remarkably large addition, yet one—Deerpark—stands first, with an addition of 20 on confession, and Walden reports 29 on certificate and seven on confession. On the whole there has been a year of good, faithful work and the word preached has not been in vain.

As appears from the reports received there has been a loss of five families as compared with last year. While there has been a considerable gain in the number of families in some of the Churches, this has been rather more than balanced by losses and list revision in others.

The total of accessions is 101 on confession and 71 on certificate; a sum of 172. Deduct the losses through dismission, suspension and death, and there remains a net gain of only 45, which is 34 less than last year.

The number in communion is 3,509 as against 3,695 last year. A part of the difference, as often, is to be explained by list revision.

There is a decrease of $1,265.21 in the contributions for Denominational objects, as also in those for other objects of $44.46; while an increase appears in those for Congregational purposes of $2,651.22.

A few of the reports contain remarks bearing upon the condition and prospects of the Churches, from which we make a few extracts:

Fallsburgh.—Regular service maintained; occasionally interrupted, or attendance lessened by stormy Sundays or bad roads. The Church has been refurnished with new pews, pulpit desk and Communion table; the walls papered; ceiling redecorated and the building repainted outside. A flourishing C. E. Society exists at the Chapel, South Fallsburgh.

Kerhonkson.—The Church was reopened for service in June last and supplied during the month. Since August 15, Rev. F. M. Kip has most acceptably supplied the Church and much good work has been done. The Sabbath Schools are in good working order and have contributed two to the membership of the Church. While recognizing the difficulties of the work before them they are encouraged to press forward.

Mamakating has had a year of peace and harmony, with the word faithfully preached and the Sacraments regularly administered.

Minisink reports an accession of six new members, one of whom has decided for the ministry and is now a Junior in the Seminary at New Brunswick.

Montgomery has had a new pastor installed. The usual means of grace have been enjoyed and a fair degree of spirituality maintained.

New Prospect.—The Word is faithfully preached. Seven united on confession. The Church building has been repainted and the interior re frescoed; the Sabbath School room redecorated and partly refurnished. Endeavor Society well attended. Outlook hopeful.

Walden reports a year of united and progressive work, the addition of new families to the congregation, and an accession of 36 to the membership, mostly on certificate. Benevolent offerings have been increased and all Church debts cancelled.

Wallkill Valley reports well attended services, and is grateful for material and spiritual blessings.

Wawarsing is still without a pastor and sends only statistics, but makes request of Classis that their Church be supplied by a student from New Brunswick for the months of June, July and August.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The Rev. George Hauser was received April 15, 1902, from the Classis of Newark and installed pastor of Grahamsville Reformed Church June 2, and of Claraville Reformed Church June 17.

The Rev. Peter Crispell was received June 15, 1902, from the Classis of Montgomery and installed pastor of the Montgomery Reformed Church July 1.

The Rev. Joseph Mac Intyre was received from the Classis of Poughkeepsie March 2, 1903, and arrangements made for his installation as pastor of the Bloomingburgh Reformed Church April 21, 1903.

The Rev. Dr. S. W. Mills, a brother greatly beloved, after a connection of sixty years with the Classis of Orange, passed to his rest on November 22, 1902.

The Rev. J. L. Stillwell was dismissed October 2, 1902, to enter the Classis of Saratoga, within whose bounds he had accepted a call.

The Rev. Robert H. Beattie was dismissed January 15, 1903, to enter the Presbytery of Chicago, within whose bounds he had accepted a call.

Respectfully submitted,

B. T. STATESIR, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

Your Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submits the following report:

Reports have been received from all the Churches. Two Churches omit comment while the tone of the remaining nine is hopeful rather than jubilant. It is clear that the "serious condition faced by the Churches of our Classis" last year has not been passed. We are still stemming a strong tide of worldliness and materialism and the Churches are barely holding their own. We wish it were possible to make a more cheerful report than that of last year, but the plain facts will not justify such a course. Comparing the totals this year with the very meager results of last year we find a little shrinkage all along the line. There are three less families, seven less received into the Church, four less communicants, 167 less in the Sunday School,

$955 less contributed for benevolence, and $2,496 less contributed for Congregational purposes.

The following is the report of each Church as given by its Consistory:

First Poughkeepsie.—In matters temporal the year has been characterized by a fair degree of prosperity. All current expenses have been met and a debt of long standing is being gradually extinguished. We regret that we cannot make a similar report with respect to matters spiritual. The work of the Church in all its departments has been prosecuted without interruption, but the accessions have been fewer than the losses by dismission and death.

Second Poughkeepsie.—The past year has been marked by a change of pastor, and a consequent interregnum. Yet the work of the Church in all departments has been carried on with vigor and success. The new pastor finds a Church harmonious, earnest and vigorous, testifying to the faithful and successful labors of the former pastor, the Rev. William Bancroft Hill.

Fishkill.—Statistics only.

Hopewell.—Hopewell Church reports a year of peace and quietness. Nothing of an unusual character has occurred to make the year a remarkable one in the Church life. We note with pleasure the increase in our benevolences. We are glad to report that the Church is without debt, and the prospects for the future are promising.

New Hackensack Church has nothing unusual to report. Services regularly maintained and well attended. The suggestions of Synod's Evangelistic Committee were followed. Cottage prayer meetings

were held in three districts for several weeks and a Soul-Winner's Circle formed. These efforts were blessed to the quickening of many Christians and to some conversions. A review of the year and its results makes us humble rather than exaltant.

Rhinebeck.—The Church has prospered in all material affairs. The parsonage has been repaired and painted. Entire harmony prevails. On account of ill health the pastor has rendered but half service in the way of preaching for six months past. The same cause has constrained him to tender his resignation, to take effect November 1st, which will complete twelve years' service in Rhinebeck. There is no abatement of interest in any department of the Church. We are obliged to confess, however, that the great need of the Church is a deeper spirituality.

Fishkill-on-Hudson.—The year closes in our Church marked with peace, harmony and prosperity. The various means of grace have been well sustained. The contributions to the Boards and benevolent objects have been greater than a year ago. A class for religious instruction in the Catechism and doctrines of our Church has recently been organized and is well attended. Reviewing all the departments of Church work during the past twelve months we have reason to "thank God and take courage."

Hyde Park.—Statistics only.

Glenham.—In response to the call of General Synod's Committee on Evangelization, after the observance of the Week of Prayer, services were held during the two following weeks, neighboring pastors assisting. All the services were well attended and did much good.

A most excellent new reed organ has been placed in the church at a cost of $200, and the year closed without debt.

The acceptance by the pastor of an invitation to take up work in connection with the Bergen Reformed Church of Jersey City leaves the Church without a pastor. The Consistory requests such assistance from Classis as shall enable them to continue the services and work of the Church in the village.

Cold Spring.—We are still without a pastor, but preaching services have been held nearly every Sunday and several have united with the Church from the Sunday School. The Church building has been repaired and put in good shape, and the year closed without debt. We are praying that God will continue to bless us in the coming year and that many may be brought into the fold of Christ.

Millbrook.—Our year has been one of quiet work. Good Sunday morning audiences, fair attendance Sunday evenings, small but helpful prayer meetings, and an interesting Sunday School, are some of the general facts.

Our Y. P. S. C. E. has been doing special work by maintaining a bi-weekly Mission Study class. With the results of this study the Missionary Committee of the Society has been able to conduct a monthly evening service full of instruction to those who attended. We have much to make us thankful in our past year, yet our record as compared with what we might have done and ought to have done should make us very humble.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Rev. William Bancroft Hill has been dismissed from the Second Church of Poughkeepsie, and Rev. Edward S. Ralston has been received from the Classis of New York and installed pastor of the Second Church of Poughkeepsie.

Rev. Joseph MacIntyre has been dismissed to the Classis of Orange.

Rev. Wm. V. D. Strong has been dismissed from the Church of Glenham and from the Classis of Poughkeepsie to the South Classis of Bergen.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. DUMONT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submits the following report:

Consistorial reports have been received from all of the Churches in the Classis.

Nine of the Churches supplement their statistics with remarks as recommended.

The general tenor of the reports is encouraging. All of the Churches but one report accessions. This is a decided gain over last year when four Churches reported no gain either on confession or by letter. An increase of 63 families shows that our constituency has enlarged. One hundred and thirteen received on confession as over against 61 of last year—a gain of 85

per cent.—is reason for deep gratitude to God. Ninety-three have come by letter as against 65 of last year—a gain of 43 per cent. To the Unionville Church is given the credit of having had the largest accessions during the year in proportion to its membership—namely 24.2 per cent. The next in order is the Park Hill Church of Yonkers with 24 per cent. Dismissions have been fewer, showing a greater permanency in our membership. Twenty-nine have been transferred from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant, as against 25 of last year.

After having balanced the gains and losses we find an increase in the total membership of 121—a net advance of 6.3 per cent for the year. The number of baptisms has also increased. No Sabbath Schools have been added, but the total membership shows a gain of 94 scholars.

We regret to state that our benevolences to Denominational objects have fallen off $171. The explanation of this, we feel sure, is not any diminution of interest in the work of our Boards, but is due to the extra effort which several of the Churches have made in local expenditures. Contributions for Congregational purposes are $9,445 in excess of last year. Most of this increase comes from the Park Hill Church in Yonkers, which is in process of building.

Of the reports which remark on the condition of things in their respective fields, the following may be noted:

Greenburg speaks of the good work which the Ladies Aid Society and the Senior Endeavor are doing. The Sunday evening service is better sustained than at any previous time during the present pastorate. A deeper spiritual life seems to show itself in all de-

partments of the Church work. The community is growing. Every house is occupied. The hope and prayer of the Church is that her usefulness to the community may increase with the growth of the field.

Greenville.—The work here has been holding its own, and there are signs of new life among the people. The children and youth show a deep interest in the work, which is its most promising feature.

Hastings reports progress along every line except a slight falling off financially. This decrease is occasioned by the death of the heaviest giver in the congregation. The deficiency, however, has almost been equalized by other subscriptions. The young p ople in the Church and Sabbath School are deeply interested and active. The place is building up rapidly, and the Church is confident that her best days have not been but are to be.

Park Hill reports a year of great activity and growth, both financially and spiritually. The new Church will be ready for dedication in May. In the rush of things, however, occasioned by building, the deeper spiritual interests have not been lost sight of, as is shown by the large number of accessions.

Peekskill sends an encouraging report. There are many evidences of vigorous life and activity. The people have rallied financially. The buildings have been repaired. Unity and harmony prevail. The community is growing. Both spiritually and financially the Church is in a healthy condition.

First Church of Tarrytown reports that the work has been regularly carried forward. The services have been well sustained. The societies and organizations are attending faithfully to their work in their respective spheres. A spirit of harmony and loyalty prevails.

Second Church of Tarrytown reports quiet growth in the various lines of the Church's work. Accessions have been few, but prospects are for larger gains in this line. The Sabbath School has increased. The services are better attended. There has been an advance in benevolent and congregational giving.

Unionville is much encouraged over the spiritual results attendant upon the year's work. The prospect for a still further ingathering is bright.

First Church of Yonkers reports that Church attendance has doubled during the year. The Young People's Association, with a membership of 75, and the King's Daughters' Circle, are flourishing. The prayer meeting attendance has increased from 20 to 80. The parsonage has been renovated at an expense of $1,500. The financial condition is much improved and the Church is pervaded with a deep spiritual life.

The year has passed without any changes in the pastorates within the bounds of the Classis.

We record the death of the Rev. T. E. Inglis, a member of this Classis, who entered into rest at Boulder, Colo., December 31, 1902.

With deep gratitude to God for past blessings vouchsafed, for sustaining grace extended, for the work we have been privileged to do during the year, and with the prayer that the Great Head of the Church will own it in the work of extending His Kingdom through the world, we respectfully submit our report.

ORVILLE LINCOLN SIGAFOOS,

Chairman.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd											Benevolent.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First Claverack	George H. Burrill	104	6	4	4	..	3	252	3	1	121	4	259	$ 451 27	$ 139 29	$1,530 00	Claverack, Columbia Co., N. Y.
Gallatin	Nicholas Pierce, (P. E.)	72	2	2	1	..	2	131	3	2	...	1	84	64 07	15 00	695 00	Mt. Ross, Dutchess Co., "
Germantown	Edgar I. McCully	115	3	3	4	..	1	208	7	1	...	1	124	292 61	5 22	1,391 91	Germantown, Col. Co., "
Greenport	Charles E. Corwin	92	4	3	2	..	2	156	...	2	50	2	130	150 85	23 10	1,046 92	Greendale, " "
Hudson	Charles Park	275	4	2	5	..	8	450	3	2	...	1	212	2,892 00	241 00	‡5,926 00	Hudson, " "
Linlithgo	E. W. Greene	76	4	...	1	..	...	183	7	2	...	1	106	201 86	26 60	1,507 07	Livingston, " "
Livingston Memorial	Vacant	†70	4	...	1	..	4	97	3	3	40	1	97	30 14	.....	768 98	Linlithgo, " "
Mellenville	George Z. Collier	*100	2	3	4	..	5	180	4	2	50	1	81	143 83	6 19	1,050 00	Mellenville, " "
Philmont	F. V. VanVranken (S. C.)	120	2	7	8	..	...	249	6	...	100	1	237	914 68	30 32	1,663 44	Philmont, " "
Upper Red Hook	Charles Maar	45	3	...	...	..	2	131	2	...	...	1	50	238 21	32 04	1,104 00	Upper Red H'k, Dutch. Co., "
West Copake	E. T. F. Randolph (P. E.)	*80	...	2	...	..	3	*95	...	...	...	1	123	52 34	3 00	871 28	West Copake, Col. Co., "
	Total	1149	34	26	30	..	30	2132	38	15	361	15	1503	$5,431 86	$521 76	$17,554 60	

* Revised. † Last year's report ‡ Including repairs.

Other Ministers.—B. A. Bartholf, 116 Sabine St., Syracuse, N. Y.; Mortimer Smith, Saugerties, N. Y.; Jonah W. Vaughan, Pittsfield, Maine.

Classical Agents. Foreign and Domestic Missions, Rev. Geo. H. Burrill; Disabled Ministers and Widows' Funds, Rev. F. V. Van Vranken; Education, Rev. E. I. McCully; Sabbath Schools and Young Peoples' Societies, Rev. Charles Maar.

Treasurer, Mr. R. M. Shepherd, 535, Warren St., Hudson, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Bloomingdale	Vacant,	60	12	3	6	..	2	127	19	6	...	1	175	.....	$ 1 55	$ 700 00	Bloomington, N. Y.
The Clove	H. Hageman (s. c.)	145	7	5	6	..	5	282	15	1	100	3	260	$586 07	25 68	1,698 51	High Falls, N. Y.
Dashville Falls	F. K. Shield	36	3	1	3	...	...	75	...	...	...	1	39	8 31	.....	305 55	Tillson, N. Y.
Gardiner	Floyd L. Cornish	85	12	4	2	..	1	122	1	4	...	1	60	57 30	.....	1,706 00	Gardiner, N. Y.
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher	70	1	1	7	..	1	113	...	...	58	2	132	27 52	73 00	853 00	Libertyville, N. Y.
Hurley	Albert Schlieder	68	2	2	1	..	4	111	4	1	35	1	86	253 31	13 50	1,088 25	Hurley, N. Y.
Kingston, Fair Street	Frank B. Seeley	188	5	3	9	..	9	413	5	2	...	1	258	402 41	73 50	3,500 00	Kingston, N. Y.
Krumville	Charles L. Clist (s. s.)	25	...	...	2	..	1	77	...	...	...	1	50	16 00	.....	175 00	Krumville, N. Y.
Lyonsville	Charles L. Clist (s. s.)	38	1	...	1	..	1	110	2	1	...	1	45	4 07	.....	190 66	Kripplebush, N. Y.
Marbletown	Charles L. Clist	92	4	1	2	..	2	162	11	4	...	3	150	107 00	4 00	1,175 28	Stone Ridge, N. Y.
Marbletown, North	Vacant	28	1	...	5	..	...	....	...	...	...	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Marbletown, N. Y.
New Paltz	E. Christian Oggel	270	11	10	9	..	9	603	7	4	250	6	350	612 00	158 00	2,660 49	New Paltz, N. Y.
Rochester	W. P. Francisco	115	28	8	1	..	4	221	6	16	...	5	370	178 21	3 20	2,714 43	Accord, N. Y.
Rosendale	W. H. Kershaw	90	9	4	7	..	4	150	2	...	130	1	130	11 14	.....	1,258 12	Rosendale, N. Y.
Rosendale Plains	F. K. Shield	80	9	11	...	..	1	117	15	5	...	1	100	49 40	19 00	588 90	Tillson, N. Y.
St. Remy	Vacant	...	4	...	...	...	...	80	6	1	...	1	120	6 11	.....	329 00	St. Remy, N. Y.
	Total	1390	109	53	61	..	44	2763	93	45	568	29	2325	$2,318 85	$371 43	$18,943 19	

Other Ministers—James Cantine, Missionary, Muscat, Arabia; George Davis, Kingston, N. Y.; John L. MacNair, High Falls, N. Y.

Candidates.—E. H. Keator, Rosendale, N. Y.

Classical Agents.—**F. M., F. B. Seeley; D. M., Chas. L. Clist; E. Calvin, E. Lasher; D. M. F., Mr. J. L. Snyder; Treasurer, Herman Hageman.**

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jamaica	Robert K. Wick	200	36	32	11	..	6	*439	11	4	...	2	400	1,051 00	120 00	5,275 00	221 Fulton St., Jamaica, N. Y.
Newtown	Charles K. Clearwater.	125	10	2	...	..	5	260	2	...	...	2	300	175 00	50 00	3,691 00	23 Victor Pl., Elmhurst, N. Y.
Oyster Bay	William D. Ward.	106	..	2	1	..	3	145	1	...	86	1	86	181 00	5 29	967 00	Glen Head, L. I., "
North Hempstead	Alfred Duncombe	75	3	5	3	..	1	177	5	...	...	2	150	116 48	72 87	1,337 42	Manhasset, L. I., "
Williamsburgh	Vacant.	104	6	...	6	..	2	171	2	...	..	1	200	136 00	242 82	4,228 11	574 Bedford Ave, B'klyn, "
Astoria	John C Rauscher	170	27	2	4	..	2	283	13	4	....	1	250	200 00	307 00	3,250 00	80 Remsen St., Astoria, "
Flushing	James R. Swain.	186	39	37	9	..	8	421	12	10	..	2	348	663 40	406 94	5,650 08	Flushing, L. I., "
Kent St, Brooklyn	Lewis Francis	186	39	4	6	..	7	406	17	10	....	2	954	1,805 25	190 36	6,138 94	143 Noble St., Brooklyn, "
South Bushwick.	Edward Niles.	301	95	29	12	1	6	*503	32	11	65	1	1,165	605 49	‡203 05	7,293 11	15 Himrod St, " "
Second Astoria	C. D F. Steinfuhrer.	80	16	...	..	..	2	202	53	..	11	1	225	133 88	30 00	12,215 00	520 2d Ave., Astoria, "
East Williamsburg	Vacant.	...	...	...	...	..	..	¶13	...	...	...	1	112	....	....	465 59	
Queens	J. S. N. Demarest.	82	4	2	5	..	3	147	2	...	123	1	173	274 29	56 87	1,962 81	Queens, L. I, N. Y.
Ger Ev., Brooklyn	George G. Wacker.	123	21	...	4	.	33	250	127	...	62	1	775	46 25	215 00	3,421 00	335 So. 5th St., Brooklyn "
Sayville.	Elbert S. Schilstra.	57	...	1	3	..	1	101	13	.	50	1	125	50 10	†29 45	1,200 68	West Sayville, L. I., "
Locust Valley	Herman H. Shook.	60	7	4	2	..	...	53	10	2	..	1	86	32 13	5 00	798 09	Locust Valley, L. I. "
College Point	Frank Malvin.	100	9	2	7	..	1	172	8	3	...	1	147	238 64	43 50	1,872 74	College Point, L. I., "
First L. I City	Alexander Shaw	78	2	3	...	..	...	66	34	...	...	1	154	91 00	25 00	1,359 62	102 Academy St., L. I City, "
Bushwick	Vacant.	¶150	10	...	3	..	...	150	6	2	25	1	250	.....	195 00	1,997 00	
Ger. Ev. Gamaica.	Frederick Stoebener.	90	32	2	1	9	6	265	24	...	12	1	215	42 50	65 00	4,397 69	103 Herriman Ave., Jam'ca "
Hicksville.	Ernest Gutweiler.	58	9	1	4	..	...	53	7	3	50	1	100	.. ..	.....	986 00	Hicksville, L. I., "
Ger Newtown.	Louis F. Sauerbrunn.	40	6	...	...	..	1	100	15	..			95	18 00	....	441 09	Elmhurst, L. I., "
Steinway	C W. Laufer (S. S.)	135	28	...	5	..	1	159	11	2	13	1	375	585 00	215 58	2,140 02	Steinway, L. I., "
Church of Jesus	John C. Gunther (P. E.)	61	6	4	...	..	...	119	32	...	7	2	205	. ..	.... .	500 00	56 Union Ave., Brooklyn, "
New Hyde Park	Vacant	20	4	1	...	..	...	37	1	1		1	180	10 00	26 00	325 00	New Hyde Park, L. I., "
Sunny Side	Daniel P. Doyle.	62	8	1	2	..	...	61	16	1	25	1	135	41 93	5 00	1,018 35	157 Skillman Ave., L. I C. "
	Total.	2549	417	134	90	10	88	4743	454	52	533	31	7,235	6,497 34	2,509 73	61,922 34	

† Revised list. ¶ Last year's report. ‡ $1.774 80 for repairs. ‖ $640.00 for debt. ‡ $573 00 for parsonage debt.

Other Ministers. Rev. W. H TenEyck S. C., 46 West 93d St, New York City; Robt. H. Barr, Newburgh, N. Y.; John C Guenther, 56 Union Ave., N. Y.; Wm H. Jackson, Woodbridge, N J; Walter T. Scudder, Vellore, Madras, Pres., India; A. G. F Bender Steubenville, Ohio; Howard W Eames, Brooklyn, N. Y; August Gunther, 15 Central Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.; James C. Hume, 85 Powers St, Brooklyn, N. Y; Wm H Phraner, 319 Fulton Ave, Brooklyn, N. Y. *Treasurer*, Herman H Shook, Locust Valley, N Y

Classical Agents. D M, Alex Shaw; F. M., Robt K. Week; E., Frank Malvin; D. M F., Elder David Master.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	C. C. Catechumens.	S. S. Number of Sabbath Schools.	S. S. Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
First Reformed	James M. Farrar	365	30	26	24	..	8	1108	22	9	...	1	846	$2,140 00	$7,588 69	.....	857 President St.,	B'k'n
Flatbush	Cornelius L. Wells	175	14	13	*74	..	6	434	10	3	150	1	500	4,104 00	2,454 00	.....	900 Flatbush Ave.,	"
Grace Reformed	Charles S. Wyckoff	50	1	15	...	..	1	† 80	3	...	....	1	197	197 42	70 73	$1,057 14	582 Flatbush Ave.,	"
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	100	4	12	4	..	1	356	4	..	50	1	425	1,055 40	234 48	3,954 73	7920 Eighteenth Ave.,	"
Gravesend	Peter V. Van Bushkirk	146	18	2	4	..	1	279	5	3	...	3	500	886 00	374 00	3,100 00	145 Neck Road,	"
Flatlands	John S. Gardner	94	3	5	...	..	2	232	18	1	100	2	320	577 67	223 79	3,372 40	44 Kouwenhoven Pl.,	"
New Lots	.....	60	10	4	6	..	5	180	12	2	50	1	288	146 00	100 00	2,800 00	.....	
East New York	James M. Dickson	136	19	2	9	..	1	250	17	2	...	1	384	300 00	450 00	3,631 00	86 Vermont Ave.,	B'k'n
South Brooklyn	.....	265	10	6	34	..	6	440	21	1	450	1	1000	511 00	25 00	2,684 00	.....	
Twelfth Street	Mark A. Denman	500	32	13	15	..	6	1014	31	10	500	1	1150	418 00	805 00	8,325 00	658 Tenth St.,	"
Bethany Reformed	James Demarest	60	10	74	1	..	...	155	4	4	...	1	260	230 70	251 37	2,003 25	167 Clinton Ave.,	"
Church-on-the-Heights	J. Douglas Adam	330	21	22	‡85	..	6	428	4	1	...	1	110	4,576 52	1,507 76	10,000 00	196 Columbia Heights	"
New Brooklyn	Fred C. Erhardt	170	54	...	2	..	15	326	65	...	32	1	†403	108 71	85 00	¶9,480 00	1062 Herkimer St.,	"
Bedford	.....	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	....		
Second Flatbush	Louis Goebel	56	7	...	1	..	...	.....	14	...	8	1	135	10 00	15 00	840 00	63 Church Ave.,	"
Canarsie	Henry J. Herge	50	9	6	2	..	1	112	4	...	..	1	100	60 00	5 00	1,269 42	Canarsie	"
St. Thomas, W. I.	C. M Perlee	65	14	2	...	..	3	†100	2	...	27	1	65	29 56	7 30	833 65	St. Thomas, W. I.,	
Ocean Hill	Francis A. Seibert	57	13	3	4	..	2	102	3	3	..	1	295	31 42	5 00	838 88	248 Saratoga Ave.,	B'k'n
Ridgewood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams	50	6	14	1	..	...	148	8	4	...	1	225	86 10	27 67	$5,935 85	1358 Fifty-fourth St.	"
Ridgewood	George R. Israel	50	6	3	...	..	...	66	3	...	5	1	125	13 50	.....	1,098 00	111 Smith St., Sta. 85,	"
Greenwood Heights	A. M. Arcularius (s. s.)	52	7	3	1	..	1	58	10	2	...	1	190	20 00	.....	672 39	403 Washington Ave.,	"
Bay Ridge	Chas. Judson Scudder	95	14	7	4	..	1	188	...	6	133	1	245	379 11	156 10	4,534 31	246 Eightieth St.,	"
German American	Christian Oswald	...	18	4	...	..	...	160	25	...	16	1	175	.....	25 00	794 00	984 Glenmore Ave.,	"
	Total	2926	320	236	271	..	84	6216	285	50	1521	25	7938	$16,378 97	$14,360 89	67,436 02		

Other Ministers. Daniel Rapaje, 439 Carlton Ave., Plainfield, N. J.; John M. Ferris, 676 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn; Uriah D. Gulick, 238 Central Park West, New York City; Walter T. Griffin, U. S. Consul, Limoges, France; Edwin F. See, Y. M. C. A., 502 Fulton St., Brooklyn; J. L. Zabriskie, 28 Regent Place, Brooklyn; DeWitt Mason, 25 East Twenty-second St., New York City; A. M. Quick, 56 Seventh Ave., Brooklyn; J. E. Lloyd, 806 Carroll, Brooklyn, N. Y.; E. Van Slyke, Paul Heating System, Park Row Building, New York City; John Picken, Delevan Ave., Newark, N. J.

*70 Dismissed to constitute Grace Reformed Church. † Revised list. ‡ Dismissed to form Bethany Church. ¶ $6,787.00 for alterations and improvements $4,870.31 for building fund.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Collegiate	Edward B. Coe, S. M.																42 West 52d St., N. Y. City.
" Fifth Ave	Donald Sage Mackey																~~20 East 66th St~~, "
" "	A. Hageman, Asst																139 West 84th St., "
" 29th St	David J. Burrell																248 West 57th St, "
" "	Alfred E. Myers, Asst																309 West 70th St, "
" "	A. H. Bradshaw, Asst																353 West 57th St, "
" West End	Henry E. Cobb	2341	150	117	56	..	44	3478	107	18	...	8	4235	68,707 76	11,279 26	.....	379 West End Ave., "
" "	H. C. Weber, Asst																West End Av & 77th St "
" Middle	John G. Fagg																3 Rutherford Place, "
" Thirty-fourth St.	John H. Elliott																307 West 34th St., "
" North Chapel	R. W. Courtney Asst																134 West 11th St, "
" Knox Memorial	Edward G. W. Meury																405 West 41st St, "
Vermilye	Winifred R. Ackert																416 West 54th St, "
Harlem Collegiate	Joachim Elmendorf	750	91	53	43	..	13	1098	45	12	50	2	1087	6,900 00	2,500 00	.....	"Winthrop" 125th St & 7th Av
	Edgar Tilton, Jr																269 Lenox Ave., N. Y. City.
	Benj. E. Dickhaut																
South	Roderick Terry	212	2	1	..	..	1	286	2	...	56	2	126	8,900 00	1,200 00	10,000 00	169 Madison Ave, "
Manor Chapel	James Palmer	220	26	4	5	..	3	275	11	...	70	2	350	300 00	200 00	1,100 00	205 West 87th St, "
Staten Island	J. Frederic Berg	176	15	9	10	..	7	391	13	7	250	2	600	656 36	52 00	4,181 43	Port Richmond, S. I., N. Y.
Bloomingdale	Wm. C. Stinson	....	15	8	..	..	2	200	4	3	...	1	160	886 34	104 86	10,651 97	B'way & 68th St, N. Y. City.
Madison Avenue	Abbot E. Kittredge	....	31	26	26	..	14	1377	9	9	...	2	1322	5,786 00	13,620 00	22,000 00	711 Park Ave, "
" "	A. B. Churchman, Asst	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	
German Evan Mission	Julius W. Geyer	50	9	...	1	..	4	221	20	1	7	1	150	320 00	700 93	700 72	78 Second St "
Huguenot	David Junor	70	...	...	..	..	..	45	1	..	...	1	120	40 00	....	....	Huguenot Park, S. I., N. Y.
Port Haven	John Francis Dobbs	229	75	32	8	..	4	399	31	...	200	1	624	96 41	260 00	4,690 51	590 East 146th St., N. Y. City.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK (CONTINUED)

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Union High Bridge	J. Brownlee Voorhees.	170	12	10	5	..	1	251	16	1	200	1	376	1,159 19	337 25	$5,675 21	Woody Crest Ave., H. B., N. Y.
Fourth German	John H. Oerter	80	12	...	3	..	...	289	20	...	20	1	208	361 35	258 00	2,000 00	248 W. 40th St., N. Y. City.
Prospect Hill	Henry M. Cox, S. S.	41	4	4	2	..	1	57	4	...	15	1	54	47 47	2 89	.....	1153 Park Ave., "
Avenue B. German	Jacob Schlegel	†125	40	...	...	..	10	620	100	...	41	1	400	150 00	300 00	3,000 00	602 Fifth St., "
Brighton Heights	Arthur H. Allen,	140	16	1	9	..	3	210	2	1		1	302	424 62	124 43	3,080 48	New Brighton, S. I., N. Y.
68th St., German	Carl Schlegel	150	27	...	...	..	7	270	60	1	35	1	300	25 00	75 00	1,486 00	355 E. 68th St., N. Y City.
Ger. Evan., St. Peter's	Jacob Ganss	100	12	..	...	..	2	142	6	...	20	2	186	..	...	268 00	Kreischerville, S. I., "
Grace	Joseph Rankin Duryee	231	22	12	4	1	1	350	17	6	....	1	225	221 00	485 00	4,785 00	139 East 36 St., N. Y. City
Hamilton Grange	Charles B. Chapin	140	21	17	14	..	1	*305	10	2		1	210	338 63	38 81	4,244 75	W. 145th St. & Conv Av., "
Church of the Comf'ter.	Henry V. S. Myers	35	2	2	4	..	...	65	..	1	60	1	135	35 02	.....	1,217 80	509 East 162d St., N. Y. City.
Anderson Memorial	James Hunter	80	14	7	...	..	1	142	6	2	...	1	225	62 04	.... .	836 45	183d St. & Cambrel'g av N.Y.C
West Farms	William Reese Hart	52	7	...	...	..	1	47	.	3	....	1	130	71 08	3 00	1,018 84	2057 Boston Road, N. Y. City
Fordham	Joseph Merlin Hodson	143	7	4	4	..	3	262	5	...	....	1	210	351 10	....	4,282 11	Fordham N. Y. City.
Bethany Memorial	J. T. Lansdale	....	50	3	4	..	1	768	20	...	....	..	...	...	.....	.....	1098 First Ave., N. Y. City.
Columbian Memorial	W. C. Roe	150	10	5	..	..	3	139	...	7	35	1	150	30 00	.....	121 84	Colony, Oklahoma.
Prince's Bay	David Junor	30	...	1	...	..	...	22	...	...	....	1	84	5 00	.....	.....	Huguenot Park, S. I., N. Y.
Melrose	G. H. Miller	100	...	...	...	..	...	306	...	..	...	....	400	....	.....	.....	748 Elton Ave., N. Y. City.
	Total	5795	670	316	198	1	132	12245	509	68	1509	38	12369	$05,874 37	$31,541 43	$85,441 11	

Other Ministers, E Rothsay Miller, Yokohoma, Japan, F. J. Barny, Busrah, Arabia; Charles M. Myers, Nagasaki, Japan; G. H. Mandeville, 420 West 85th St., New York City; W. W. Clark, 532 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; William Westerfield, 107 West 123rd St., New York City; Walter Laidlaw, 11 Broadway, New York City; Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; A G Vermilye, Englewood, N J; E A Reed, Holyoke, Mass; A J. Park, Leonardsbridge, Conn; Thomas O. Lowe, New Brighton, S. I., N. Y.; E J Runk, Wm Vaughan, Alex H H Bechger, London, England; Jacob Chamberlain, Octurnund, Madras, Pres., India; Lewis R Scudder, Rampettai, India.

Candidates. M G. Schwartz and Henry Z Kyle.

* Revised roll † Last year's report ‖ $2,493 45 improvement to Church property.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Bloomingburgh	Jos MacIntyre, (P. E.)	80	2	1	4	..		105	2	1	....	1	55	$25 98	$5 00	$734 83	Bloomingburgh, N Y.
Callicoon	Henry Unglaub	58	6	..	..	..		112	9	....	9	1	80	21 50	20 00	600 00	Callicoon, "
Claraville	George Hauser	18	..	..	..	..	1	39	....	..	....			....	2 06	75 00	Grahamsville, "
¶Cuddebackville	Vacant	52	..	1	4	..		84	....	..	....	1	48	9 25	....	....	Cuddebackville, "
Deer Park	Thomas H. MacKenzie	260	20	....	17	..	8	410	10	15	....	2	450	580 00	340 00	4,425 00	Port Jervis, "
Ellenville	Herman C. Berg (S. C.)	175	2	2	2	..	2	*238	3	....	....	1	*200	250 76	237 50	2,413 45	Ellenville, "
Fallsburgh	Benj. T. Statesir	80	1	....	..	..		134	....	....	6	3	147	96 68	25 00	1,314 05	Woodbourne, "
Grahamsville	George Hauser	30	1	....	1	..		88	....	....	....	1	80	17 00	....	800 00	Grahamsville, "
Kerhonkson	F M Kip, (S S)	50	3	1	..	..		63	....	....	40	2	150	19 36	....	521 00	Kerhonkson, "
Mamakating	J. E. Crane	60	1	....	1	..		92	....	....	12	1	46	40 00	....	907 00	Wurtsboro, "
Minisink	Andrew J Meyer	76	3	3	..	..	2	80	5	....		1	45	30 55	4 75	735 78	Montague, New Jersey.
Montgomery	Peter Crispell.	*125	4	7	8	..	6	*315	4	..	40	1	85	519 39	53 00	2,047 00	Montgomery, N Y
Newburgh	Vacant	†185	7	8	6	..	5	307	7	..	28	1	143	48 98	....	4,060 05	Newburgh, "
New Hurley	John A. Thurston	100	13	5	5	..	4	155	....	6	55	2	95	93 59	4 04	1,299 26	New Hurley, "
New Prospect	Edwin O Moffett	99	7	....	2	..		188	5	....		1	121	250 25	48 95	1,233 82	Pine Bush, "
Port Jervis, Second	J. C Forbes.	59	5	3	1	..	4	83	6	3		1	120	28 86	10 00	965 00	Port Jervis, "
Shawangunk	Sheldon Vandeburg	87	7	2	3	1	2	175	5	3	56	1	147	107 77	....	1.202 15	Bruynswick, "
Unionville	Vacant	12	4	....		..		20	....	1		1	20	1 00	....	100 00	Grahamsville, "
Walden	William W. Schomp	200	7	29		..	5	*406	13	....	231	1	287	537 70	148 45	‡4,911 29	Walden, "
Wallkill Valley	John Vander Meulen	95	8	9	12	1		238	4	3	....	1	193	260 02	57 55	1,832 84	Wallkill, "
Walpack, Upper	Vacant	....	....	....		..		....	....	....	....		....	....	....	....	Dingman's Ferry, Pa
¶Walpack, Lower	Vacant	70	....	....		..		130	....	....	100	2	110	....	....	450 00	Bushkill, Pa.
Wawarsing	Vacant	52	....	....		..		47	....	....	..	1	40	10 00	8 50	544 00	Napanoch, N Y.
	Total	2023	101	71	71	3	53	3509	73	33	577	27	2662	$2,948 95	$964 80	$31,171 52	

Other Ministers. J. E. Bernart, Chester, N. Y.; Gilbert S. Garretson, Dingman's Ferry, Pa.; H. A. Hendrickson, Flushing, L. I., N. Y.
Classical Agents. Missions, E. O. Moffett; E., W. W. Schomp; D. M. F. and W. F, H. C. Berg.
¶ Last year's report. ‡ Revised roll. † Last year's report of number of families. ‡ $2,114.67 toward debt.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.		
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson (S. C)	200	8	3	8	..	8	447	7	1	....	1	180	$1,383 00	$1,298 00	$3,720 00	Poughkeepsie,	N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	Edward S Ralston	200	9	1	10	..	3	405	3	3	...	2	200	1,323 00	687 00	4,412 00	"	"
Fishkill	A. H. Huizinga	105	4	2	2	..	1	203	1	3	...	1	75	149 00	20 00	1,408 00	Fishkill,	"
Hopewell	Ernest Clapp	90	3	5	...	..	4	141	3	...	..	3	100	781 00	.....	1,059 00	Hopewell Junction,	"
New Hackensack	Wm. A. Dumont	88	1	2	2	..	3	173	...	1	..	*2	80	161 00	57 00	1,200 00	New Hackensack,	"
Rhinebeck	J. Howard Suydam	138	3	2	1	..	3	178	...	1		1	100	342 00	321 00	2,591 00	Rhinebeck,	"
Fishkill-on-Hudson	E A. McCullum	160	7	6	4	..	4	375	6	5	35	1	235	400 00	55 00	4,105 00	Fishkill-on-Hudson	"
Hyde Park	Henry F Hamlin	69	1	4	...	..	1	92	2	1	..	1	93	136 00	7 00	1,376 00	Hyde Park	"
Glenham	Vacant	40	7	...	1	..	...	42	3	2		1	46	28 00	.....	687 00	Glenham,*	"
Cold Spring	Vacant	25	3	...	5	..	3	60	3	1	40	1	75	4 00	17 00	498 00	Cold spring,	"
Millbrook	J. E. Lyall	104	14	4	3	..	1	186	2	7	6	3	103	460 00	117 00	2,214 00	Millbrook,	"
	Total	1219	60	29	36	..	31	2302	30	25	81	17	1287	$5,167 00	$2,579 00	$23,270 00		

Other Ministers. Henry N. Cobb, 25 East 22d St., N. Y.; C. W. Fritts, Hudson, N. Y.; P. W. Pitcher, Amoy, China; F. F. Wilson, Asbury Park, N. J. Wm. Bancroft Hill, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

* One is a Union School.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	C. C. & S. S. Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Bronxville	William S. C. Webster	85	12	4	6	..	2	108	1	3	....	1	122	$968 07	$136 41	$2,006 89	Bronxville, N. Y.
Cortlandtown	F. A. Force	90	..	..	..	..	1	104	7	...	25	2	227	12 00	.....	888 14	Montrose,
Greenburgh	G. A. T. Goebel	40	..	2	2	..	1	50	2	..	24	1	69	25 82	....	791 08	Elmsford,
Greenville	J. A. Harper	40	2	..	..	..	2	50	...	1	..	1	74	20 10	.....	763 07	Scarsdale,
Hastings	Orville L. Sigafoos	85	15	7	3	..	1	123	7	8	30	1	125	42 47	13 00	1.704 08	Hastings-on-Hudson,
Mount Vernon	C. H. Tyndall	150	6	11	6	..	3	312	7	2	....	2	243	729 33	33 26	4,607 10	137 So. 6th Av. Mt. Vernon
Mile Square, Yonkers	" " (S. S.)	25	5	..	1	..	..	27	2	..	....	1	60	60 00	.....	300 00	137 So. 6th Av. Mt. Vernon
Park Hill	Wm. P. Bruce (S. C.)	140	25	26	11	..	3	249	2	10	....	1	225	360 00	40 00	13,449 00	71 Liv'stone Av. Yonkers
Peekskill	Henry de Vries	103	10	4	..	..	2	156	13	4	30	1	128	135 77	72 92	2,145 00	Peekskill,
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	135	7	8	9	..	4	320	7	..	....	1	254	968 00	276 00	5.237 00	Tarrytown,
Tarrytown, Second	Arthur F. Mabon	105	4	5	..	..	4	203	2	1	....	1	165	442 00	101 57	2,831 90	"
Unionville	Albert Kuiper	45	14	3	2	..	..	72	2	3	....	1	50	22 25	30 00	1,100 00	Hawthorne,
Yonkers, First	Fred W. Cutler	175	13	23	3	..	6	261	18	2	....	1	177	250 54	9 00	5,594 67	Yonkers,
	Total	1218	113	93	43	..	29	2035	70	34	109	15	1919	$4,036 34	$712 16	$41,417 93	

Other Ministers:—Revs. David Cole, J. H. Bertholf, W. W. Rand, J. G. Gebbard, Yonkers, N. Y.; L. C. Andrews, Springfield, Mass.; F. M. Bogardus, Asbury Park, N. J.; J. W. Hoyt, Jr., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; James Bolton, Millstone, N. J.; Howard Harris, Morioka, Japan; Frank S. Scudder, Nyano, Japan; H. J. Bogardus, Jersey City, N. J.

Classical Agents.—F. M., Rev. J. W. Hoyt, Jr., Mt. Vernon; D. M., Rev. J. H. Bertholf, Yonkers; W. F. and D. M. F. and E., Rev. W. S. C. Webster, Bronxville.

Treasurer.—Mr. H. L. Garrison, Yonkers, N. Y.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1903.

CLASSES.	No. of Churches.	No. of Ministers.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.
				Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Hudson	11	13	1149	34	26	30	.	30	2132	38	15	361	15	1503	$5,432 00	$523 00	$17,544 00	F V. Van Vranken.
Kingston	16	14	1360	109	53	61	..	44	2763	93	45	568	29	2325	2,319 00	371 00	18,943 00	Herman Hageman
North Long Island	25	31	2549	417	134	90	10	88	4743	454	53	533	31	7205	6,497 00	2,509 00	61,922 00	W. H TenEyck.
South Long Island	23	31	2926	320	236	271	..	54	6216	285	50	1521	25	7938	16,379 00	14,361 00	67,430 00	Jno. S Gardner.
New York	27	89	5795	670	316	198	1	132	12245	509	68	1509	38	12369	95,874 00	31,541 00	85 441 00	Henry V S. Meyers
Orange	23	20	2023	101	71	71	3	53	3509	73	33	577	27	2662	2,949 00	965 00	31,171 00	Herman C Berg.
Poughkeepsie	11	14	1219	60	29	36	..	31	2302	30	25	81	17	1287	5,167 00	2,579 00	23,270 00	A. P Van Gieson
Westchester	13	23	1218	113	93	43	..	29	2035	70	34	109	15	1919	4.036 00	712 00	41,418 00	W. P. Bruce.
Total	149	205	18269	1824	958	800	14	461	35945	1552	328	5259	197	37208	$138,653 00	$53,560 00	$347,149 00	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by sub-committee on each of the Classes, and the reports were severally accepted and adopted and are as follows:

Classis of Hudson.—Your Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Classis of Hudson have done so and found them in order.

ALBERT SCHLIEDER,
E. J. HENDRICKSON.

Classis of Kingston.—The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Classis of Kingston respectfully report that the minutes appear to be kept with care, and to present a full and complete record of the acts of Classis.

JAMES DEMAREST,
A. B. SHAW.

North Classis of Long Island.—The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the North Classis of Long Island respectfully report that they have duly examined the said minutes and found them in order.

CHARLES S. WYCKOFF,
DAVID HENRY.

South Classis of Long Island.—Your Committee to whom was committed the duty of examining the minutes of the South Classis of Long Island respectfully report that we have examined these minutes as above, and finding them in order recommend their approval.

H. C. BERG,
E. A. MILHAM.

Classis of New York.—Your Committee have examined the minutes of the Classis of New York and find them kept most carefully, and we recommend that they be approved.

WILLIAM A. DUMONT,
CHARLES F. VAN INWEGEN.

Classis of Orange.—The Committee on the minutes of the Classis of Orange would report that they have examined the minutes and find them excellently kept.

H. F. HAMLIN,
FRED. SPRENGER.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie would report that they have discharged the duty assigned them and that they find these minutes in every respect accurate and correct and heartily recommend them to Synod for approval.

WILLIAM S. C. WEBSTER,
S. F. ELTING.

Classis of Westchester.—Your Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Classis of Westchester have given their consideration to the same and find them to be correctly and most excellently kept and recommend their adoption.

EDGAR I. McCULLY,
ABRAHAM M. HASBROUCK.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business report that no business has been before them, and therefore report nothing occurred.

F. V. VAN VRANKEN,
J. L. MAC NAIR,
CHARLES S. WYCKOFF,
PETER H. OSTERHOUDT,
ALEX. T. LUMBY.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Reported on by the Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon, after the organization, was spent in devotional exercises, led by the Vice-President.

The bar of the house was designated.

The action of the officers of the Synod was approved and joint public services were held with the Particular Synod of Albany in session in the First Reformed Church of this City. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered Tuesday evening in the Fair Street Church immediately after the Synodical sermon. The form was read by the President of the Synod of Albany. The address at the table was made by the Rev. C. P. Dyke, the retiring Vice-President of the Synod of Albany. The element of the bread was distributed by Elders Wood, Phelps, Van Buren, Quay, and that of the wine by Elders Osterhoudt, Van Inwegen, Van Pelt, Henry.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the President appoint a Committee of Arrangements, of which the Pastor of the Church shall be a member, to fix the hours of meeting and adjournment of the sessions of this Synod, and of the religious exercises; to select those who shall assist at the services connected with the Synodical sermon; to appoint the Ministers and Elders who are to administer and distribute the elements of the Lord's Supper; and to set the time for the reading of the papers and the hearing of the representatives of the Boards of the Church.

The President appointed as such Committee Revs. F. B. Seeley, Edward Niles and Elder N. B. Hunter.

The report of the Committee, which was accepted and approved, was carried out. The representatives of the Boards and the readers of the papers were heard as recorded, and the sessions began and adjourned at the hours fixed therefor.

A paper was read by the Rev. Charles Park on "The Ballot as a Sacrament," and one by the Rev.

Arthur F. Mabon on "What are Some of the Things Outsiders May Expect from the Church."

The following action was taken on Church Extension:

WHEREAS, The action taken by this Synod one year ago looking to Church Extension has not accomplished the result aimed at, therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Domestic Missions be requested to appoint a Superintendent of Church Extension within the bounds of this Synod, whose duty it shall be to seek out opportunities for planting new Churches and inaugurate efforts to that end, especially within the bounds of the Classes of New York, North and South Long Island and Westchester, in co-operation with the committees of Church Extension in the several Classes.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to communicate this action to the Board of Domestic Missions.

On motion the Rev. James Demarest, D. D., and Rev. H. M. Cox were made a committee to present in person to the Board of Domestic Missions the above resolution, and to urge the matter upon the attention of the Board.

The popular Service was held Wednesday evening in the First Reformed Church. The President of the Synod of New York presided and addresses were made by the Rev. William J. Leggett, Ph. D., on "Evangelizing the World," and by the Rev. A. E. Kittridge, D. D., on "Revivals as Promised in the Bible and Illustrated in the History of the Church."

The Committee appointed to examine the Archives presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee appointed to examine the Archives of the Particular Synod of New York begs leave to report that the members of the Committee met upon appointment and ordered the Stated Clerk to send the following unbound minutes of the General and the Particular Synods to the Church Vaults at New Brunswick:

Minutes of General Synod—1880 to 1901; except 1889, 1895, 1896, 1899.

Minutes of Particular Synod of New Brunswick—1870 to 1901; except 1884, 1890, 1893, 1895, 1896.

Minutes of Particular Synod of Chicago—1860 to 1901; except 1861, 1862, 1863, 1893, 1895, 1896, 1901,

Minutes of Particular Synod of Albany—1854 to 1902; except 1856, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1890, 1893, 1895, 1896.

Respectfully submitted,

F. B. SEELEY, *Chairman.*

The Rev. M. H. Hutton, D. D., was heard in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. W. W. Clark in behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions. The claims of the Board of Education were presented by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. G. Gebbard, and the claims of the Disabled Minister's Fund by the Rev. Denis Wortman, D. D. Rev. A. D. W. Mason was also heard in behalf of Young Peoples' work.

On motion the Committee on Nominations were requested to select persons for reading papers at the next regular meeting of this Synod.

The Committee recommended that the following be appointed to read papers on subjects of their own selection at the next session of the Synod: Primarius,

Rev. E. C. Oggel; secundus, Rev. J. F. Berg; primarius, Rev. Charles E. Corwin; secundus, Rev. Edward Niles.

On motion it was resolved that the Stated Clerk be authorized to procure the printing of 300 copies of the minutes of this session of Synod.

The Stated Clerk was also authorized to procure the printing of 1,000 blanks for notices to Delegates to General Synod, and 200 blank forms for the use of the Standing Committees of the Synod, and to have bound the minutes of Synod from 1894 to 1903.

The Stated Clerk was directed to send notice of appointment as a delegate to the meeting of General Synod only to the Primarii delegates; such notice to contain the name and post office address of the secundus, whom the primarius is to notify in case of his being unable to attend.

The fraternal greetings of the Particular Synod of Albany were conveyed to Synod by the Rev. Philip H. Cole, to whom the President of Synod fittingly responded.

The Rev. E. C. Oggel, D. D., was appointed to bear the greetings of our Synod to the Synod of Albany, who later reported that he had discharged his duty.

An invitation was extended to the Synod by the Consolidated Street Railway Co. of Kingston, to make an excursion to Kingston Point Park, and the following action was taken:

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New York accepts with thanks the courteous offer of the Consolidated Street Railway Co. of Kingston to place a

requisite number of cars to convey the members of Synod on a tour of the City, and that 1.30 P. M. be the hour at which such invitation be accepted.

On motion the following were excused: Revs. Weber, Thurston and Hume; Elders Milham, Kimble, Hunter and Shaw.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be conveyed to the pastor and people of this Church for their friendly and generous hospitality, and to the Consolidated Street Railway Co. of Kingston for the delightful excursion afforded the members of Synod to Kingston Point Park.

In the absence of the Temporary Clerk, Rev. J. A. Thurston, Rev. Edward Niles was elected Temporary Clerk pro tem.

ARTICLE XX.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

The Treasurer presented the following account, which was read and referred to the Committee on Treasurer's Accounts, and their report, which was accepted and adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts, would respectfully report that they have examined the Treasurer's Accounts with the vouchers and find them correct; and that there is a balance due the Synod of four hundred and fourteen dollars and eighty-one cents ($414.81).

In accordance with the suggestion of the Treasurer of Particular Synod we recommend that the assessment for the expenses of Synod be omitted during the ensuing year.

EDWARD NILES, *Chairman.*
JACOB L. SNYDER,
GEORGE H. BURRILL,
CHARLES F. VAN INWEGEN,
HENRY J. HERGE.

Dr. PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK IN ACCOUNT WITH THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, TREASURER. Cr

1902. May 21.	To Cash paid Rev. Charles Park as Delegate to Church Federation Meeting at Rochester Nov. 12th, 1901, for travelling expenses.	$13 06	1902. May 1.	By Cash balance from old account . . .	$313 21
June 1.	" paid R. W. Anderson & Son, for printing 325 copies of Minutes of 1902	126 40	Aug. 22.	" from R M. Shepard, Esq., Treasurer Classis of Hudson	27 00
" 1.	" paid Rev. H. Hageman, for postage, envelopes, telegrams, &c. .	4 94	Oct. 6.	" from Rev. Herman Hageman, Treasurer Classis of Kingston . .	38 00
" 1.	" paid Rev. H. Hageman, for Doorkeeper at Brooklyn Church . . .	5 00	Nov. 7.	" from Rev. John S. Gardner, Treasurer South Classis of Long Island.	53 00
" 1.	" paid Rev. H. Hageman, for salary as Stated Clerk for year ending May 1st, 1903.	100 00	" 7.	" from Rev. H. M. Cox, Questor Classis of New York	65 00
1903. May 1.	" Balance due Synod to new account.	414 81	" 10.	" from Rev. Herman H. Shook, Treasurer North Classis of Long Island	59 00
			1903. Feb. 4.	" from Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D.D., Treasurer Classis of Poughkeepsie.	28 00
			Mch. 11.	" from Rev. Sheldon Vandeburg, Treasurer Classis of Orange . . .	50 00
			" 18.	" from H. L. Garrison. Esq., Treasurer Classis of Westchester . . .	31 00
		$664 21			$664 21

E. E. New York, May 1st, 1903.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, Treasurer.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO SYNOD.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. George Z. Collier,	Rev. G. W. Burrill,
" E. I. McCully,	" F. V. Van Vranken,
" E. W. Green,	" Charles E. Corwin,
Elder Wm. H. Gardner,	Elder E. A. Milham,
" A. J. Ten Brouck,	" George M. Harder,
" Peter W. Moore,	" A Hallenbeck.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. C. L. Clist,	Rev. S. T. Searle,
" C. E. Lasher,	" J. L. Mac Nair,
" H. Hageman,	" E. C. Oggel,
Elder Joseph W. Pratt,	Elder Henry Abbey,
" George W. Smedes,	" R. B. Dunn,
" M. S. Davis,	" A. M. Hasbrouck.

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. Chas. K. Clearwater,	Rev. George G. Wacker,
" Robert K. Wick,	" William D. Ward.
" Frank Malvin,	" H. H. Shook,
" Alex. Shaw,	" Wm. H. Phraner,
" Fred. Stoebener,	" E. S. Schilstra,
Elder David Springsteen,	Elder John Hetzel,
" Jacob V. Ryerson,	" David, W. Layton.
" Alfred S. Schlesinger	" Silas D. Wright,
" Thomas S. Paynter,	" H. S. Moore,
" Fred. R. Lange,	" N. VanderBerg.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. C. L. Wells,	Rev. J. M. Dickson,
" G. R. Israel,	" F. A. Seibert,
" J. S. Gardner,	" F. C. Erhardt,
" James Demarest,	" C. J. Scudder,
Elder W. K. Voorhees,	Elder George Schenck,
" John Bingham,	" H. T. Gray,
" W. H. Allgeo,	" H. D. Van Orden,
" George W. Pool,	" John C. Bergen.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. H. V. S. Myers,	Rev. G. H. Mandeville,
" D. J. Burrill,	" Aaron Lloyd,
" A. E. Myers,	" Jacob Schlegel,
" A. E. Kittridge,	" J. F. Berg,
" James Hunter,	" J. W. Geyer,
" J. G. Fagg,	" J. H. Oerter,
Elder M. T. Bogert,	Elder E. A. Dillenbeck,
" D. D. Beekman,	" C. H. Brown,
" T. K. Cree,	" R. J. McCracken,
" John S. Bussing,	" C. L. Francisco,
" W. T. Demarest,	" J. D. Shipman,
" W. L. Brouwer,	" C. A. Runk.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. J. C. Forbes,	Rev. H. Unglaub,
" J. E. Crane,	" J. Vander Meulen,
" B. F. Statesir,	" Andrew J. Meyer,
" G. S. Garretson,	" E. O. Moffett,

Classis of Orange.—(Cont.)

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Elder Wm. H. Wintermute,	Elder Frank Brey,
" Charles D. Immens,	" Joseph Evans,
" J. W. Stillwell,	" Jacob McCarty,
" Wm. Deusenberry,	" B. E. Godfrey.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. J. H. Suydam,	Rev. E. A. McCullem,
" Ernest Clapp,	" Henry T. Hamlin,
" A. H. Huizinga,	" Wm. B. Hill,
Elder Benson Van Vliet,	Elder T. A. VanWagener,
" A. M. Traver,	" Geo. Gildersleeve,
" Stephen Van Wyck,	" Lincoln H. Riggs.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. Wm. P. Bruce,	Rev. F. M. Bogardus,
" C. H. Tyndall,	" H. De Vries,
" J. A. Harper,	" W. C. S. Webster,
Elder F. P. Dewitt,	Elder Geo. Dingledine,
" N. P. Hunter,	" H. L. Garrison,
" J. H. Lent,	" A. W. Newman.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTION TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned to meet in regular session on the first Tuesday of May, 1904, at 3 P. M., in the Reformed Church of Claverack, N. Y.

ARTICLE XXIV.

The minutes were read and approved. The roll was called and the Synod adjourned after prayer by the President.

(Signed,)

T. H. MAC KENZIE, *Pres.*
E. C. OGGEL, *Vice-Pres.*
EDWARD NILES, *Tem. Clerk.*
HERMAN C. WEBER, *Tem. Clerk.*

Official minutes.

HERMAN HAGEMAN, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF THE SYNOD SINCE THE REORGANIZATION OF THE PARTICULAR SYNODS, 1870-1903.

1870—Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D . . . . Yonkers.
1871—Rev. Goyn Talmage . . . . Flushing.
1872—Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D . . . . Rhinebeck.
1873—Rev. John A. Todd, D.D. . . . . Tarrytown (1st).
1874—Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D. . . . Poughkeepsie (2d).
1875—Rev. John McC. Holmes, D.D . . Brooklyn (1st).
1876—Rev. David Inglis, D.D . . . . Port Jervis.
1877—Rev. Joachim Elmendorf . . . . Yonkers.
1878—Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D.D . . Newburgh.
1879—Rev. Charles I. Shepard . . . . . Greenpoint.
1880—Rev. Wm. Ormiston, D.D . . . . Mount Vernon.
1881—Rev. David Cole, D.D . . . . Montgomery.
1882—Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck . . . . Jamaica, L. I.
1883—Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D . . Brighton Heights, S. I.
1884—Rev. David N. Vanderveer . . . . New York (South).
1885—Rev. Herman C. Berg . . . . . Yonkers.
1886—Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D . . Newburgh.
1887—Rev. Jacob Chamb'lain, D.D., M.D. Claverack.
1888—Rev. Wm. H. Gleason, D.D . . . Kingston.
1889—Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D . . . Poughkeepsie.
1890—Lewis Francis . . . . . N. Y. City (48th St. Col.)
1891—Rev. James Demarest, D.D. . . . Tarrytown (1st).
1892—Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye, D.D. . Brooklyn (S. Bushwick).
1893—Rev. John L. MacNair . . . . . N.Y.City (Bloomingdale).
1894—Rev. Ame Vennema . . . . . New Utrecht, L. I.
1895—Rev. Charles W. Fritts, D.D . . . Fishkill, N. Y.
1896—Rev. Ferdinand S. Schenck, D.D. Yonkers, N. Y.
1897—Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D . . Jamaica, L. I.
1898—Rev. Alfred H. Brush, D.D. . . . Fishkill-on-Hudson.
1899—Rev. Herman Hageman . . . . . Walden.
1900—Rev. David J. Burrell, D.D. . . . Rhinebeck.
1901—Rev. William P. Bruce . . . . . New Paltz.
1902—Rev. J. Edward Lyall . . . . . Brooklyn (12th St.)
1903—Rev. T. H. Mackenzie . . . . . Kingston.

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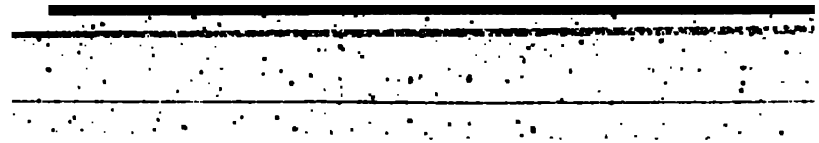

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The Particular Synod of New York met in Regular Session in the Claverack Reformed Church, Claverack, N. Y., May 3, 1904, at 3 o'clock P. M., and adjourned at 12:15 o'clock P. M. the second day of the session.

Formation of Synod.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod opened with prayer by the Rev. Thomas H. MacKenzie, the retiring President. The Synodical sermon was preached by the retiring President, from John vii: 53 and 8: 1: "And every man went unto his own house. Jesus went unto the mount of Olives."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Hudson.—Revs. C. E. Corwin, Charles Park, G. Z. Collier, Nicholas Pearse. *Elders*—A. D. Piester, H. B. Putnam, Elmer Decker.

Classis of Kingston.—Revs. H. Hageman, F. K. Shield, E. C. Oggel. *Elders*—Thomas Snyder, R. B. Dunn.

North Classis of Long Island.

South Classis of Long Island.

Classis of New York.—Rev. J. B. Voorhees. *Elders*—W. P. Glenney, D. D. Beekman.

Classis of Orange.—Revs. J. C. Forbes, A. J. Meyer.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—W. A. Dumont. *Elder*—Floyd Quick.

Classis of Westchester.—Rev. J. A. Harper. *Elder*—N. P. Hunter.

ARTICLE III.

The Rev. E. C. Oggel, D. D., was elected President, and the Rev. W. A. Dumont was elected Vice-President. Revs. C. E. Corwin and J. Brownlee Voorhees were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

The minutes of the Session of 1903 were read for information.

The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschooten was read.

Acts of Synod.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER

The reading of the Rules of Order was suspended by unanimous consent.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following Standing Committees were appointed :

SYNODICAL MINUTES.—Revs. A. J. Meyer, Charles Park, J. B. Voorhees. *Elders*—Floyd Quick, N. P. Hunter.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.—*Hudson*—Rev. J. B. Voorhees. *Elder*—Thomas Snyder. *Kingston*—Rev. Nicholas Pearse. *Elder*—A. D. Piester. *North Long Island*—Rev. A. J. Meyer. *Elder*—R. B. Dunn. *South Long Island*—Rev. C. E. Corwin. *Elder*—Elmer Decker. *New York*—G. Z. Collier. *Elder*—N. P. Hunter. *Orange*—Rev. J. A. Harper. *Elder*—W. P. Glenney. *Poughkeepsie*—Rev. J. C. Forbes. *Elder*—D. D. Beekman. *Westchester*—Rev. W. A. Dumont. *Elder*—Floyd Quick.

CLASSICAL REPORTS AND STATE OF RELIGION.—Revs. E. C. Oggel, J. Elmendorf, J. D. Adam. *Elders*—Samuel Roland, E. G. Van Ostrand.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.—Revs. Nicholas Pearse, J. A. Harper, W. A. Dumont *Elders*—W. P. Glenney, Thomas Snyder.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—Revs. G. Z. Collier, C. E. Corwin, A. D. W. Mason. *Elders*—D. D. Beekman, A. D. Piester.

NOMINATIONS.—Revs. J. C. Forbes, W. R. Ackert, J. A. Harper. *Elders*—R. B. Dunn, Elmer Decker.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from the Board of Foreign Missions, informing the Synod that the Board had authorized the Rev. J. W. Conklin to present the in-

terest of said Board before the Synod, was read and referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

A communication from the Board of Domestic Missions, informing the Synod that the Rev. W. W. Clark had been appointed its representative at this session of the Synod, was read and referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

A communication from the Rev. A. E. Kittridge, D. D., pastor of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church, New York City, inviting the Synod to hold its next annual session in his church, was read, and the invitation was accepted with thanks.

A communication from Rev. C. H. Pool, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, informing the Synod that Rev. W. W. Clark had been appointed by the Board to look after the work of Church extension within the bounds of Greater New York, in accordance with the request of Synod (see minutes 1903, page 62), was read, and the communication was referred to Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported. The report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee would respectfully report as follows: Copies of the Minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of Albany, New Brunswick and Chicago were presented and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes. They were examined by your Committee, who would invite your attention to one item. The term of office of Elder Ralph N. Perlee as a member at large of the Board

of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick would naturally have expired in May, 1904, but God has called him to his eternal reward. We recommend the required action.

ANDREW J. MEYER.
J. BROWNLEE VOORHEES.
FLOYD QUICK.
N. B. HUNTER.

Mr. John S. Bussing was nominated a member at large of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on Classical Reports on the State of Religion reported. It was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report:

Statistical Tables and Reports from the Classical Committees upon the State of Religion have been received from every Classis within the bounds of the Synod. These have been carefully examined and compared with those of preceding years. Your

Committee deeply regrets that the facts gleaned from such comparison and study have in them little that is of an encouraging nature. For the first time in a number of years the reports show a net decrease in the number of communicant members within the bounds of the Synod. Two years ago seven of the Classes showed a net gain in the number of their communicants, and one, Westchester, barely held its own. One year ago four Classes, North and South Classes of Long Island, New York and Westchester, showed gains, whilst the remaining four Classes showed small losses. This year the Classis of New York joins the number of those showing a net loss, leaving only three Classes of the Synod that show a net gain. Hudson loses 13, Kingston 186, New York 302, Orange 14, Poughkeepsie 108; North Long Island gains 82, South Long Island 22, and Westchester 164. The total number of communicants reported one year ago was 35,945, this year it is but 35,600, a net decrease of 345.

In order of numerical strength the Classis of Westchester, heretofore the weakest in the Synod, passes the Classes of Hudson and Poughkeepsie and now stands sixth on the list.

The other figures given in the statistical column yield scarcely more encouragement. Last year the number of families was recorded at 18,269, this year at 18,018, a decrease of 251. Last year there were received on confession 1824, this year 1690, a decrease of 134. Last year there were received by certificate 958, this year 911, decrease 47. Last year there were dismissed 800, this year 758, 42 decrease. Last year there were suspended 14, this year 16. Last year 461 died, this year 480. The number of infant baptisms is 1402 against 1552 the previous year, a de-

crease of 150. There have been this year 309 adult baptisms, 19 less than last year. The number of catechumens show a decrease of 1103. There is one less Sunday School, and we have on the rolls of our Sunday Schools 37,118, against 37,208 a year ago, being a decrease of 90.

We get a ray of light from the report of our Denominational Benevolences, which aggregate $145,346, a gain of $6,693 on the preceding year. However, there has been a decrease of $7,545 in our gifts to other objects and a decrease of $4,906 in our expenditure for congregational purposes. The total amount of money for all purposes raised within the bounds of the Synod would seem to be $5,758 less than a year ago.

There have been 25 congregations out of 148 who during the year have had no accessions upon confession of faith.

As in preceding years the revision of rolls has wrought havoc with congregational rolls. Two years ago 15 congregations revised their rolls with the result of the loss of 567 names. One year ago 8 congregations struck 838 names from their rolls. This year 16 congregations have gone through the process of revision, with the result that 1692 names are missing. The number reported as received during the year on confession of faith and certificate aggregates 2601. The number reported as dismissed, suspended and died amounts to 1254. Had there been no revision of rolls therefore the apparent strength of Synod would have been increased by 1254 rather than diminished by 345. Must not the question be asked whether there is not something radically wrong in the method of congregational oversight that permits an average annual loss through simply losing sight of members equal to the

loss by death and certificate taken together? In other words, at least as many seem to be leaving our churches irregularly as do so regularly.

With reference to the reports as to the number of deaths, your committee notes two significant facts. First, the death rate is scarcely half as high in the city Classes as in those in the country. Second, the death percentage is scarcely half as high in the large congregations of about one thousand or over as it is in the smaller congregations. May not these facts throw some light upon the question as to where those members disposed of by revision have gone?

Your Committee feels that their task this year has not been a gracious one. They confess themselves to be utterly unable to present the figures that have come to their hands in such a way that they shall wear an encouraging aspect. We do not present them, however, as affording ground or excuse for despair. Upon the contrary we believe that they call us to more steadfast and resolute endeavor. There may be, there probably is, need of humiliation, and prayer upon the part of the Church, but the "arm of the Lord is not shortened that He cannot save," and so soon as we meet the conditions that He has laid down He will lead us on to victory.

We submit herewith the reports of the different Classes given in detail.

T. H. MACKENZIE,
Chairman.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

Your Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submits the following report:

Full statistical reports have been received from

all the Churches except the Church at Germantown, which sends only a partial report.

During the year an unusual number of ministerial changes have occurred within the Classis. The pastoral relation has been dissolved between four ministers and their Churches, and four ministers have been received and installed. Three Churches are still without settled pastors, but two have extended calls and they have been accepted. Considering the fact that seven out of the eleven Churches have been passing through the disturbance attendant upon these pastoral changes, the statistics and the general tone of the reports are very encouraging.

In comparing the statistical summary with that of last year we note the following facts.

There has been a slight falling off in the total communicant membership because of larger losses both by death and dismissal; but there has been a gain in the number of families, and in those received both on confession and by certificate.

The Sunday School enrollment has also increased more than one hundred. Contributions have been less for benevolence and more for congregational expenses. But the great difference of fifteen hundred dollars in the benevolence does not signify that there has been that proportion of loss in the regular offerings of the Churches. It is explained by the fact that in the report of last year some large special gifts were included.

The abstract of the Consistorial reports is as follows:

Claverack.—This Church has found the year one of peculiar difficulties because of the severe winter. Materially it has been an exceptionally good year, but there have been no marked gains spiritually.

We have met with a very great loss in the death of Elder Hiram Augustus Crane, for twenty-three years Superintendent of the Sunday School, and a most generous contributor to all our denominational work.

Gallatin.—The first year between pastor and people has been spent delightfully. Congregations have been good and the hearts of all have been gladdened by the reception of a number into Church membership.

Germantown.—Statistical report only.

Greenport.—The Church has maintained all its services, notwithstanding great discouragements because of the unusual weather. The prayer meeting and a teachers' Bible Class have been well supported. The Church is standing well financially, but the spiritual fruitage of the year has not been large.

Hudson.—Statistical report only.

Linlithgo.—This Church has been without a pastor since October. Preaching, however, has been maintained nearly every Sabbath, with good attendance. The several organizations in the Church are active and prosperous.

Livingston Memorial.—Services have been well sustained. Special evangelistic meetings have been conducted. The membership has been led into a deeper spiritual life. Sinners have been reclaimed. A Christian Endeavor Society has been organized. Offerings have been taken for all the Boards. Peace and harmony reign.

Mellenville.—The Church regrets that it can report no accessions on Confession of Faith. Never-

theless the public services have been fully sustained and the Sabbath evening attendance has nearly doubled. The Christian Endeavor Society has been re-organized, and is largely attended. It is believed that the Church is in better condition to expect visible results than at any period during the present pastorate.

Philmont.—Work opens encouragingly under the new pastor.

Upper Red Hook.—This Church has been without a pastor since November, but is rejoicing that the unanimous call which it has extended has been accepted. The congregation has never been more united, and the prospect for future work is very encouraging.

West Copake.—Statistical report only.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The Rev. Nicholas Pearse was received May 4th, 1903, by certificate from the South Classis of Long Island and was installed pastor of the Church of Gallatin June 17, 1903.

The Rev. Edward T. F. Randolph was received by certificate from Classis of Greene May 26th, 1903, and installed pastor at West Copake at that time.

The Rev. Daniel Percy Doyle was received by certificate from the North Classis of Long Island July 29th, 1903, and installed pastor of the Livingston Memorial Church at that time.

The Rev. Ephraim W. Florence was received by certificate from the Classis of Montgomery February 29th, and installed pastor of the Philmont Church April 5th, 1904.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Elijah W.

Greene and the Linlithgo Church at Livingston was dissolved October 1st, 1903, and he was dismissed to the South Classis of Long Island.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Francis V. Van Vranken and the Church at Philmont was dissolved October 7th, 1903, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Greene.

The pastoral relation between the Church at Upper Red Hook and the Rev. Charles Maar was dissolved November 16th, 1903, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Orange.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Edgar I. McCully and the Church of Germantown was dissolved December 2nd, 1903, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Bergen.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. BURRILL,
Chairman.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submits the following report:

Consistorial reports have been received from all the Churches except Krumville.

Bloomingdale reports: "We are without a pastor and things are not as they should be, but we are living in hopes that our next report will be up to the standard."

The Clove closes the year with gratitude to God for the favors and blessings of another year. It has been one of quietness and regularity of work rather than one of marked spiritual quickening. During

the year the Home Deparment work of the Sabbath School has been begun and at present has 50 members. The Junior C. E. Society has done excellent work and blessed results must follow. At Alligerville the ladies have been very active in raising funds to repair the church.

Dashville Falls.—Despite drawbacks, such as location, inaccessibility, weather, shifting of population, we have held our own during the year and can report some progress.

Gardiner.—Statistical report only.

Guilford has nothing of special interest to communicate to Classis. Harmony and peace prevail. The ordinances of religion are, for the most part, well attended on the Lord's Day and during the week.

Hurley reports some differences and dissatisfaction, which have thinned their audiences and decreased their offerings, but a better spirit prevails now and they are getting back to their former condition.

Kingston reports another year of peace and fair prosperity. There has been no marked evidence of spiritual growth as witnessed by accession to our membership. During the first three months of the year the pastor was absent from his work owing to illness. In his absence the Church people showed in every way their interest and co-operation, maintaining the weekly prayer meeting and keeping loyal care of his and the Church's interests.

Lyonsville reports statistics only.

Marbletown reports: God's grace has not been absent in the year just closed. Services in the sanc-

tuary and in the home alike contributed to keep aflame the fires of the Christian life. Special services were held in January, the pastor being assisted by Mrs. Emilie Burges, Pres't W. C. T. U. of Ulster Co., and not a few were awakened, especially the timid and halting, to a deeper apprehension of spiritual things.

North Marbletown.—The consistory would continue to report progress. During the last ecclesiastical year, by continuous and laborious effort we succeeded in securing a comfortable building in which to worship. During the year just ended our attempts have been directed to the restoration of the congregation to its original compactness.

New Paltz.—With gratitude to the Great Head of the Church we close the ecclesiastical year. The means of grace have been regularly dispensed. The services on the Lord's Day have been well attended. Our Sabbath Schools have been maintained. We have contributed to all Boards of the Church, also to other causes. There has been no occasion for discipline. The ladies of the Church and congregation, as usual, have earnestly co-operated with us.

Rochester reports statistics only.

Rosendale reports statistics only.

Rosendale Plains.—We report growth along all lines. All old indebtedness has been paid. Church and Societies are thoroughly organized. Many conversions have taken place and spiritual interest is good.

St. Remy reports statistics only.

From the above reports we learn that the Church

of Rosendale Plains is the only one in the Classis which has been visited by the "demonstration of the Spirit and of power," through whom 28 souls have been gathered from the world into the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in answer to the prayer of faith and the earnest presentation of the truth.

The other Churches report but little progress, or a holding of their own and nothing more, while one or two report a step backward. But all this need not be discouraging. Many a pastor and people pray the prayer of faith, labor with zeal and plan their best plans to enable the Church of this year to come up to the standard of last year. Nor is this all. There is an unwritten history which cannot be recorded in this report. The faithful visitations of the pastor from house to house to cheer the faint, to encourage the timid, to comfort the sorrowing, to warn the erring, to point the sinner to the "Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world;" and the Sabbath School teacher, who not only in the school but in the home or by the way, gives scripture counsel to the youth, and above all the home where the children are trained up in the way they should go and where at family worship as the scriptures are read and the prayer of faith is offered, planting many seed thoughts, which in the after life bud and blossom and bring forth fruit. All these fill up the pages of the Book of Life, which can be read and known only in eternity.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

In June last Rev. William H. Kershaw passed from his earthly to his heavenly home after a pastorate at Rosendale of only five months.

Rev. Floyd L. Cornish was dismissed to the South Classis of Long Island, and Rev. Albert Schlieder, to the Classis of Newark.

The Rev. J. B. Appel, was received from the Classis of Greene and arrangements made for his installation as pastor of the Church of Gardiner.

J. L. MAC NAIR, *Chairman*.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee on the State of Religion of the North Classis of Long Island, begs leave to make the following report :

Your Committee has received reports from all the Churches in the Classis except East Williamsburgh. From some of the Churches come very encouraging reports. Large additions on confession have blessed the Churches of South Brooklyn, German Evangelical, Jamaica, Williamsburgh and Flushing, and each of these Churches together with German Evangelical, Brooklyn, Jamaica and Astoria reports increased activity in all departments of Church work. But the record of the year, as a whole, is not as good as last year, and far behind what we could have desired and might reasonably have hoped it would be.

When the comparison between last year and this was made, your Committee had not received reports from North Hempstead, Williamsburgh and Astoria, and so these Churches last year as well as this are omitted from this comparative statement. There are 200 families less reported, 115 less received on confession, 37 less on certificate, happily one

less has been dismissed and 19 less have died. There has been a less number of children and adults baptized and a smaller number of catechumens by 19, and there are 312 less on the rolls of our Sunday Schools, and on the other hand while there were $20 less given to other than denominational objects than last year, there were $910 more given for denominational work and $453 for congregational purposes. If we carry the comparison back two years there were 25 less received on confession this year than that and two gained by certificate and 1459 less this year enrolled in our Sunday Schools than there were in 1902, and very much less given for benevolence and congregational purposes. This comparison reveals the fact that the Churches in this Classis in the aggregate have not been growing, been rather losing ground, during this past year, and calls for serious thought and earnest prayer. Shall not the next year show better results?

Since coming to the meeting of Classis the three Churches referred to have handed in their reports to the Committee. These reports change the comparative statement that has been made, and yet with the increased additions of two of these Churches over last year, the additions to the Churches of the Classis during this year are considerably less than last year, and the other statistics do not materially change the fact that while there is reason for thankfulness for the growth manifested in several of our Churches, there is, on the whole, so far as statistics show a decrease of spiritual power in our Churches from last year.

Jamaica.—This Church sends no other report than the statistical table. But from this it is evident that it has been a year of progress. Its mem-

bership has increased, and its contributions both for benevolence and for congregational purposes indicate a large liberality, $589 more than its generous gifts of last year for benevolence, and $1,355 more for congregational purposes.

Newtown.—The year in this Church has been one of steady, earnest, pleasant work in all the departments of Church work, both in the home Church and the mission at Winfield. There has been no marked manifestation of the divine presence and the Church mourns fewer accessions by confession than during any year of the present pastorate. It is hopeful, however, for the future as the Church is bound soon to feel the effects of the changes in the rapidly growing community.

Oyster Bay.—The work in this Church has been carried on in all departments and except during the severe weather of the winter with its wide spread sickness the attendance has been good. The Christian Endeavor Society has been discontinued, as owing to changed conditions it was no longer fulfilling its mission. The Ladies Aid Society and the Ladies Missionary Society have done excellent service and the Sunday School is in a flourishing condition.

North Hempstead.—This Church gives only the statistical table.

Williamsburgh.—By the statistical table it is seen that this Church has added to its communion 31 on confession and 17 by certificate, indicating spiritual growth.

Astoria.—This Church reports a prosperous year. A goodly number have been added on confession of faith. A Home Department of 135 members has

been added to the Sunday School, and the year all through shows substantial growth.

Flushing.—A very encouraging report comes from this Church. It has been a *record* year, and has been marked by increased spirituality, increased membership, increased attendance, increased organizations, increased amounts of money raised in every department of Church activity, and increased improvements upon the Church property. A memorial window to the late Elder Northrup has been placed in the Church at a cost of $500. A special series of denominational services was held in February.

Kent Street, Brooklyn.—The Church has maintained during the year its various organizations and they have all done efficient work. The Christian Endeavor Societies have been especially prospered. A Young Men's Club has lately been organized which promises much usefulness. The gifts for benevolent purposes have not decreased, notwithstanding the fact that the financial ability of the Church is constantly being weakened by removals from this part of the city.

South Bushwick, Brooklyn.—This Church reports a year of great prosperity. Sixty-three members have been received on confession. A new Chapel has been erected, $4,101.33 having been raised this year for this purpose, and all the Societies have felt the stimulus of modern quarters. A Junior Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip is already accomplishing much good. Attendance on Church services has shown a marked increase and spiritual interest is active.

German, Second Astoria.—Nothing of unusual

character has occurred, and the Church has enjoyed peace, harmony and prosperity. The contributions to the Boards of the Church exceed those of last year, and the debt has been reduced $500.

East Williamsburgh.—No report.

Queens.—The Church has recently suffered much from deaths and removals. Current expenses however are met, and the benevolent offerings have slightly increased. Spiritual conditions remain about on the average.

German Evangelical, Brooklyn.—This Church reports that the past year has been one of great blessing and joy. It celebrated its Golden Jubilee and the Church enters its next half century of life and work with more consecrated hearts and with a greater desire of doing good. Knowing and believing that "God helps him who helps himself," $800 was raised this year for the liquidation of the Church debt.

Sayville —In this Church all the work has been carried on with regularity. The services on the Sabbath were not as well attended as usual on account of the bad weather on many Sundays, and in consequence the offerings were not as large as last year.

Locust Valley.—In view of some hindrances and discouragements this Church reports that the results of the year exhibit a persevering spirit of growth. There has been increase in benevolent contributions, and collections are taken regularly for all the Boards and Funds of the Church, the spirit of systematic beneficence has been implanted with a favorable prospect of development. The number of families attending the services of the Church have

increased fifty per cent. The total number in communion has been increased ten per cent.

College Point.—This Church reports no unusual state of affairs in its activity. The regular services have been well sustained and the benevolences show a slight increase over last year. The Sunday School shows an advance in the number of scholars and in the average attendance. The financial obligations have been cheerfully met, although each year there is a decrease in the number of those to bear the burden of necessary congregational expenses.

First Long Island City.—This Church sends an encouraging report, and although no special work of grace has occurred there has been a steady advance in all lines of Church service. There has been an increase in the gifts for benevolent objects. The Sabbath School is large and full of promise, and the Christian Endeavor Societies are doing a good work. The Sabbath ministrations are always well attended, and there is evidence of the quickening of spiritual life on the part of some and the awakening of serious thought and inquiry on the part of others.

Bushwick.—This Church reports that the Rev. Elias Mead is supplying the pulpit, and the spiritual condition of the Church is good.

German Evangelical, Jamaica.—This Church reports an addition of 44 members on confession, and that the morning services have never been attended so largely as this year. The Church debt was reduced by the payment of $400.

Hicksville.—This Church in its statistical table reports neither additions nor losses during the year. While the number of members of the Church so reported is smaller than the number of families,

the number of catechumens is the same as the number of members. The Church is holding its own. The village is rapidly growing, but the new comers are Roman Catholics. The Junior and Senior Christian Endeavor Societies and the Ladies Aid Society are doing good work, and the Sunday School is in good condition.

German Second Church of Newtown.—The Church reports as follows: "While difficulties have appeared in one form or another during the past year, retarding somewhat the progress of things, yet there has been a steady advance. A distinct growth has been noticeable in all branches of Church work during the past year. All societies are in a flourishing condition and an interest for Church work is exhibited by their respective members, which is gratifying. A united people look forward to better things with hopeful hearts and ready hands."

Steinway —Only the statistical table is given, but from this it is learned that while the membership remains about the same, there is an increase even in its usually large benevolent contributions.

Church of Jesus, Brooklyn.—This Church has had a pastor installed over it during the year, and from the statistical tables there is evidence of growth.

New Hyde Park.—This Church is still without a pastor, and the need of one is greatly felt. $1,046 were raised for improvements on the Church property.

Sunnyside, Long Island City.—The Church is still without a pastor and has had a hard struggle the past year. Many of the families have moved

away on account of the purchase of the land by the R. R. Co. Services still are held every Sunday, and notwithstanding many discouragements the Church is hopeful that it is doing some good for the Master.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The following changes have taken place within the bounds of the Classis during the year:

Mr. Seymour M. Purdy was licensed to preach the Gospel and was dismissed to the Classis of Bergen, May 25, 1903.

The pastoral relation between Rev. Daniel P. Doyle and the Sunnyside Reformed Church, Long Island City, was dissolved June 1, 1903, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Hudson.

Rev. Wm. F. Barny was received from the Northern New Jersey Congregational Conference Oct. 20, 1903, and he was installed pastor of the Church of Jesus, Nov. 10, 1903.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS FRANCIS,
Chairman.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

First Reformed.—Dr. Farrar reports the most encouraging year of his work in Brooklyn.

Flatbush reports increased attendance, also the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Church on February 9, 1904. In connection with this a history of the Church was prepared and presented to the congregation and the ministers of the Classis.

Grace Reformed reports increased attendance, spiritual condition good, prospects promising.

New Utrecht reports some tokens of prosperity, also the death of several efficient members, especially the great loss of Elder John V. VanPelt.

Gravesend.—The hope of this Church is in its young people. The outlook in this respect is encouraging. Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Society are in a flourishing condition.

Flatlands reports the celebration of the 250th Anniversay of the Church on February 9, 1904. The outlook is more promising than ever before.

New Lots.—A new minister has been appointed as a stated supply recently, Rev. Mr. Green.

East New York.—A new minister has recently been installed, the Rev. F. L. Cornish.

South Brooklyn.—A new Church and Bible School building have been completed, costing about $80,000, which have been dedicated. A new minister was installed in January of this year, the Rev. W. I. Macdonald, who reports the increase of the congregations, and the outlook most encouraging.

Twelfth Street.—Statistics only.

Bethany reports steady work and gratifying results, also gratitude to the Church on the Heights for Sunday School workers, and for continuance of pecuniary aid.

Church on the Heights.—The Church's organizations are in an encouraging condition. A parsonage was purchased by the Church in the course of the year.

New Brooklyn reports the tenth year of the present ministry and the most successful of all. Prospects were never brighter than now.

Second Flatbush.—Everything is in flourishing condition, Sunday School room remodeled, mortgage reduced.

Canarsie.—God has manifested Himself wonderfully in this Church during the past year

St. Thomas, W. I., is endeavoring to reach the young men of the town. A young men's association has been successfully organized, and a reading room opened. The business of the island continues depressed. The Church has suffered through death and removal. The year, however, has been encouraging.

Ocean Hill reports unrelaxed activity and hope. The Church is vacant, but hopes soon to secure a pastor.

Edgewood reports a larger number of additions to the Church than in any previous year. New Chuch edifice has been dedicated. All branches of work are flourishing.

Ridgewood.—Everything indicates an encouraging year and a bright outlook.

Greenwood Heights.—All branches of work are active and hopeful. Increase in the Sunday School.

Bay Ridge reports a year of healthful progress.

German American.—Statistics only.

On the whole the Churches show a distinct advance upon the previous year in the direction of accessions upon confession of faith. The general

benevolences have certainly held their own, as compared with last year.

Two Churches have celebrated their 250th Anniversary, Flatbush and Flatlands.

From the reports it would appear that the year has been an exceedingly good one. And the spirit of hopefulness is a very marked feature. There has been no special work of grace in any of the Churches of the Classis, but a decided realization of the Church's obligation to the masses.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

May 25th, 1903, Mr. U. McClinchie, Jr., a graduate of Union Seminary, and Mr. J. C. Gardner, a graduate of New Brunswick Seminary, were licensed to preach.

In June, 1903, Mr. McClinchie was dismissed to the Classis of Newark, and Mr. Gardner was dismissed to the Classis of Bergen, July 17th, 1903.

Oct. 7th, 1903, the pastoral connection between the Rev. Jas. M. Dickson and the East New York Church was dissolved.

Oct. 20th, 1903, the Rev. W. R. Davis was dismissed to the Classis of New York.

Jan. 12th, 1904, the pastoral connection between the Rev. M. A. Denman and the Twelfth Street Church was dissolved.

Jan. 12th, 1904, the Rev. F. L. Cornish was received from the Classis of Kingston, and arrangements made for his installation as pastor of the East New York Church.

Jan. 12th, 1904, the Rev. W. J. Macdonald was received from the Presbytery of Boston and arrangements made for his installation of the South Church.

Feb. 23d, 1904, the pastoral connection between the Rev. F. A. Seibert and the Ocean Hill Church was dissolved and Mr. Seibert was dismissed to the Classis of Paramus.

April 19th, 1904, the Rev. J. G. Addy was received from the Classis of Bergen.

April 19th, 1904, the Rev. J. C. Caton was received from the Classis of Montgomery and arrangements made for his installation as pastor of Twelfth Street Reformed Church on May 19th, 1904.

J. D. ADAM, Chairman.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Your Committee has carefully examined the statistics of the Churches of Classis in the Consistorial Reports. This work has been made difficult by the delay which a number of the Churches of Classis have brought about by not returning their reports. No reports have been received from the following Churches: Prince's Bay, Melrose.

There are now 27 Churches connected with the Classis, counting the Collegiate Churches as one. The total membership appears to be 11,943. The total given in the report last year was 12,245. The percentage of decrease for the year has therefore been 2 per cent. There have been 624 additions on confession and 348 by certificate. Dismissions have been 243 and deaths 126. The net gain from these figures, subtracting 4 suspensions, would be 599. Revision of the roll, carelessness or inaccuracy have reduced this gain to that noted above, the difference in the totals for last year and this, or a decrease of 302.

Your Committee suggests that these figures argue a state of religion requiring the prayerful consideration of Classis. Nine Churches show a falling off in their communicant membership. The Harlem Collegiate shows a decline of 1 per cent. in total membership, though the net gain during the year seems to have been 52, an increase of 2 per cent. The Madison Avenue Church, without any explanation, declares a decrease of 9 per cent., though the net addition during the year was 23, a gain of 1 per cent. Grace Church shows a decrease of 9 per cent., which is properly credited to a revision of the roll. Other Churches showing a decrease in total membership are: South (10 per cent.), German Evangelical Mission (2 per cent.), Avenue B (50 per cent.), Kreischerville (4 per cent.), Brighton Heights (1 per cent.) and Anderson Memorial (11 per cent.) due to revision.

Four Churches show a gain of but 1 per cent.: Port Richmond, Mott Haven, Sixty-Eighth Street, Fordham. Other small gains are: Fourth German, 3 per cent.; Hamilton Grange, 4 per cent.; Manor Chapel and the Collegiate Church, 6 per cent. The smaller Churches show the largest gains: Comforter, 17 per cent.; West Farms, 10 per cent.; Prospect Hill, 14 per cent.; Huguenot, 28 per cent. Substantial gains are those of the Highbridge Church, 12 per cent., and the Church at Colony, Oklahoma, 10 per cent.

The report of Benevolences shows a marked gain in the amount given for denominational purposes. $6,627 more was given this year than last. The gifts to other objects have fallen off about $1,500, and the amount for congregational purposes about $12,000. This is due chiefly to the failure of the

Bloomingdale Church to report, the sum reported by this Church last year being $10,651.

The following are the reports from the different Churches:

Collegiate.—The statistics of the Collegiate Church for the past year do not differ greatly from those of the year preceding. There has been a gratifying increase in the number of members received as well as in the amount of benevolent offerings.

Harlem Collegiate.—The report demonstrates a year of prosperity. The blessing of the Lord has crowned with success the labors of the pastors and of the workers in the various organizations of the congregations. Large additions to the membership and the increased liberality of the people give cheering proof that the Lord is attending the preaching of His word by the converting and sanctifying influences of His Spirit. Increased devotion to denominational interests is evidenced by the action of the Lenox Avenue Church in assuming the support of Miss Jennie Scardefield as its missionary to Arabia.

South Church reports "no particular history." The expected departure of the pastor on May 1st has perhaps caused some weakness, and the purging of the roll has caused a great apparent falling off in membership. A mission to colored people has been abandoned during the year.

Manor Chapel, South Church.—The work here has shown a quiet, healthy growth. There have not been quite so many additions to the Church, but the average attendance at the services has been better than in many years.

Port Richmond.—Statistics only.

Bloomingdale.—Statistics only.

Madison Avenue.—The work has been a quiet one during the year and the presence of the Holy Spirit has been constantly manifested. The weekly prayer meeting has had an average attendance of over one hundred, and this meeting has been a great spiritual power in the Church. At every communion season some have confessed Christ as their Savior and the larger number have come from the Sunday School.

German Evangelical Mission.—This Church reports a decreasing membership due to a change in the character of the neighborhood. The loyalty of the members is remarkable and praiseworthy. Regular services have been held, and the Boards of the Church have been remembered as liberally as in former years; peace and harmony have been enjoyed and many spiritual blessings received.

Huguenot reports a spiritual quickening which began in January in some special services under the auspices of the Staten Island C. E. Union. The result has been the increasing of the active membership of the C. E. Society from ten to twenty-six, the arousing of Church members formerly lukewarm, and the addition of a number of new members from among those who were formerly interested in the work but not identified with it. The prayer meetings have since been larger and exceedingly interesting and helpful. During the past year there were more additions to the Church and a larger number of baptisms than in any other year since the organization of this Church.

Mott Haven.—Peace and good fellowship reign throughout this congregation and a healthy growth seems manifest.

Highbridge reports a year of steady progress. There has been a marked increase in the attendance at stated services. The Sunday School has grown both in numbers and efficiency of instruction. The various societies are flourishing. The spirit that prevails among the people is excellent. With a single exception the number of accessions is the largest in the history of the Church.

The Fourth German Church expresses its hopefulness. During the year the Collegiate Church dedicated the new building on West Forty-fifth Street and leased it to this congregation. Since then new life and new hopes have animated the congregation and all the societies. The attendance at the services and sessions is very encouraging.

Prospect Hill reports new evidence of returning life and hope. The membership is steadily increasing. The Sunday afternoon audiences are much larger than they have been. Contributions have been made to all the Boards and Funds of the Church, and a considerable sum has been raised for congregational expenses. A C. E. Society has recently been organized.

Avenue B.—Statistics only.

Brighton Heights reports its members united and active with a good spiritual tone in Church work. The Church and Sunday School contribute to every Board, the two C. E. Societies to Home and Foreign Missions, the total contributions being larger than last year. The Sunday School is larger and has given $110 more than last year. For repairs $1,000 has been given in direct gifts since Thanksgiving time.

Sixty-eighth Street German.—Statistics only.

Kreischerville.—Statistics only.

Grace.—For the first time since the establishment of this Church in 1884, the roll of members has been revised. Thirty-two names have been placed on the supplementary list. The past year has been full of continuous and harmonious activity. The stated services have been well and reverently attended by the members. The Sunday School has increased in numbers and has been efficiently directed and taught. Except during the summer the several organizations have met weekly and have been better attended than in previous years.

Hamilton Grange.—The year has been one of quiet, steady, telling work. The interior of the edifice has been repaired and beautified, and the morning congregations have been larger than ever before. Two new departures are reported, a very flourishing society for men, which are reaching them in large numbers, and a Church-going Band of the Sunday School scholars, which has brought a goodly proportion to the services on Sunday.

Church of the Comforter.—Statistics only.

Anderson Memorial.—The year has seen many removals and other discouraging features. Denominational competition has taken away some of the people. The religious interest is not strong. An apparent lack of interest in the Church life throws the burden of Church activity upon a few.

West Farms.—Among the pleasant features of the year has been an increasing attendance at the regular preaching services of the Church, a prayer-meeting well maintained, and the work of the young people of the Church. The Rapid Transit

will pass the Church on an elevated structure within a short time. This will necessitate a removal to a new site. It is hoped that the changes the new road will produce will be advantageous to the interests of the Protestant Churches of the community, most of which have had to struggle in the past to maintain themselves.

Fordham.—Statistics only.

Bethany Memorial.—Statistics only.

Columbian Memorial, at Colony, Oklahoma.—The condition of this Church is excellent and the outlook most encouraging. Although some of the members give anxiety and it is necessary to administer discipline occasionally, the general spirit of the people is steadily improving and Christian standards are permeating the tribes. The results among the educated Indians, the returned students, are especially encouraging. At present the pastor and his wife are instructing three young Indian men with a view to the ministry. The C. E. Societies have sent help to some destitute white families in the vicinity, and have recently helped establish two Sunday Schools among the whites. The Church has paid for its own repairs, heating, lighting and interpreting, and raised over $100 toward building a new chapel for the primary department of the Sunday School. There is at present an earnest spiritual feeling that promises well for the future. The C. E. Societies are supporting two Famine orphans in India at our Church schools.

There are beside this Church at Colony in Oklahoma, other organizations under the care of the Domestic Mission Board, not yet organized into Churches, as follows: The Apache and Comanche

Mission Church, at Fort Sill, under the care of Rev. Frank Hall Wright. The Cordell Church, Rev. Sheldon Vanderburg. The Harrison Church, Rev. Ties Mulder. The Arapahoe Church, Rev. L. L. Legters. The Buck Creek Church, Rev. P. J. Marsilje. The Grand Church, Mr. Philip Meengs, worker in charge. These are all provisional organizations and are being faithfully administered. There are no data as to membership or other particulars.

Prince's Bay.

Melrose.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The ministerial changes during the year were as follows:

Rev. H. V. S. Myers resigned the pastorate of the Church of the Comforter.

Rev. A. H. Bradshaw was dismissed to the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Rev. Clinton Tyler Wood was dismissed to the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa.

Rev. Robert W. Courtney became the pastor of the Thirty-fourth Street Reformed Church.

Rev. Floyd Decker was received from the Classis of Monmouth.

Rev. W. R. Davis was received from the South Classis of Long Island.

Rev. Otto L. F. Mohn was received from the South Classis of Bergen.

Rev. J. H. Elliott was dismissed to the Presbytery of New York.

Rev. Roderick Terry resigned the pastorate of the South Church.

HERMAN C. WEBBER, Chairman.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

Reports have been received from all the Churches except Claraville, Shawangunk and Upper Walpack. While these reports seem to show that the work of the year has been faithfully done, they also show that much is still to be desired. While they rejoice in blessings received, they look forward to greater blessings promised. While the number of those received on confession in most of the Churches is regretfully small, it is trusted that the year has been one of sowing rather than of reaping.

Many of the Churches send only statistical reports. These speak for themselves, and those may do so who would seek comfort or instruction by comparing them with the reports of last year.

We give in brief the reports other than statistical which have been received.

Bloomingburgh.—A year of quiet, steady work. The severe winter has interfered with Church attendance. While no marked indications of the Spirit's reviving influence are evident, the Church rejoices that Providence has spared the sorrow of any decline.

Cuddebackville.—This Church, without a pastor for three or four years, has maintained its work very well under the circumstances. It has a promising Sunday School under efficient officers and teachers, an active Ladies Aid Society and Y. P. S.

C. E. The spiritual condition is very hopeful and the Church under its pastor-elect is expecting rich blessings.

Grahamsville calls attention to the fact that while $1,200 is reported for congregational purposes much of this amount was raised outside the congregation for a new organ and memorial windows, through the energy and enterprise of the pastor. A hope is expressed that the appropriation now received may be considerably reduced next year.

Kerhonkson, while recalling difficulties, has much to call forth gratitude and to encourage. Services have been well maintained. Attendance upon S. S. has increased. A Junior C. E. has been organized.

Minisink.—A year of quiet and steady growth. Services have been well attended, notwithstanding much sickness in some of our most loyal families. The Delaware Valley floods have caused serious losses to many families and consequently the denominational contributions have been small. The Church people, however, have contributed liberally to deserving flood sufferers.

Walden.—The work of the year has been faithfully and harmoniously carried on. While there has been an addition of twenty-five to the membership ten have been taken away by death, among them some of the oldest members. Improvements to the property have been made. The Church has been repainted, and through the activity of the Ladies Auxiliaries a new carpet has been secured for the lecture room. Financially the Church is in excellent condition, more sittings being rented than at any previous time. A "Weekly Calendar" is being issued. It meets a need and is favorably received

by the congregation. Four hundred dollars have been contributed toward a "Schoonmaker Memorial" for library endowment at New Brunswick. The "Church Hymnary" has been introduced in place of "Hymns of the Church."

Wallkill Valley.—After an interval of three and a half months a new pastor entered upon the labors of his predecessor in November. The several departments of activity have been carried on with harmony and effectiveness. The services are well attended and the Church enjoys the interest and support of the entire community. The membership roll has been revised. Considerable improvement has been made to the Church property.

Walpack Lower has held special services resulting in a marked spiritual quickening of the members and an addition of three to the membership. The Flatbushville Church is to have the benefit of like services soon. The C. E. Society of the Bushkill Church is thriving. The collections will be organized for all the Boards and Funds of the Church. Acknowledgment is made with gratitude of the assistance given by Rev. Mr. Blackwell of the Presbyterian Church of Coolbaugh at the special meetings.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

July 3, 1903, Lic. Albertus T. Broek was received from the Classis of Grand River and ordained and installed pastor of the American Reformed Church, Newburgh, Oct. 7, 1903.

July 3, 1903, the pastoral relations of the Rev. John Vander-Meulen and the Wallkill Valley Reformed Church were on joint application dissolved and the

Rev. John Vander-Meulen was dismissed to the Classis of Wisconsin.

Oct. 20, 1903, the Rev. Frederick W. Ruhl was reinstated in the membership of Classis and his name restored to the roll, he having returned his certificate of dismissal from the Classis to another denomination.

Dec. 7, 1903, Lic. Jas. D. Grull was received by certificate from the Classis of New Brunswick, and Dec. 29, 1903, was ordained and installed pastor of the Walpack Upper Reformed Church.

Dec. 8, 1903, the Rev. Chas. Maar was received by certificate from the Classis of Hudson and installed pastor of the Wallkill Valley Reformed Church.

Dec. 8, 1903, the pastoral relations of Rev. John A. Thurston and the Reformed Church of New Hurley were on joint application dissolved and the Rev. John A. Thurston was dismissed to the Classis of Illinois.

April 19, 1904, the Rev. J. Robert Beale was received by certificate from the Classis of Schoharie.

Oct. 1903, the Rev. J. E. Bernart was called from the membership of this Classis to the Fellowship on high.

PETER CRISPELL, Chairman.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

The Committee on the State of Religion reports as follows :

We wish to present to the Classis certain facts drawn from the statistical reports.

The total membership, 2,194, is the lowest for ten years There has been a steady decline in membership since 1896, when the total was 2,497, showing that by reason of deaths and dismissals our Churches are not holding their own.

The enrollment in our Sabbath Schools and the number of schools are also the lowest, with the exception of 1903, in ten years; 17 schools having a membership of 1,330, as against 22 schools in 1895, and a membership of 1,742 in 1898.

Also the gifts of the Churches are less than at any time during ten years. $4,943 for denominational objects and $2,061 for other purposes, as against an average for the ten years of $5,605 for denominational, and $3,946 for other purposes.

Meanwhile the total membership of the Reformed Church in America has increased 12,688, in which we as a Classis have not shared; and the contributions of the denomination to its Boards have increased from $178,878 in 1894 to $290,749 in 1903, an increase of $111,871, while those of our Classis have diminished from $6,427 to $4,962, a loss of $1,465.

We present these figures, not to discourage the Classis, but that knowing the facts, you may seek for the remedy.

The facts are:

That the membership of all but three of the Churches of Classis is less than in 1894.

That there are fewer Sabbath Schools than then, and fewer children being taught in our schools.

And that the gifts of our Churches are less.

Figures are a poor index of the spiritual life perhaps, but by what shall we know it? It must ever reveal itself, not in self-absorption but in self-giving,

not in content with self perfecting but in desire and zeal for imparting itself to others.

Thus the Church has ever regarded increase in membership, and in modern times the teaching of children and gifts for the extension of the Kingdom, as signs of an earnest religious life, a vital spirituality.

These do not tell the whole story. That religion which consists in "doing justly, loving mercy and walking humbly before God," can never be told in figures. But the love of pure, merciful and true souls, needs to be directed to the labors and gifts that will result in the salvation of others, and the extension of the Church throughout the world.

As ministers and elders are we waiting for favorable times and opportunities? Our only time for service is the present. Are we looking for some new revelation of God's love? Christ the perfect revelation has come. Are we praying for the blessing and visitation of the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit has come; He is present in all His power; and, while we wait for Him, He waits for us to yield to His bidding.

Here is our encouragement, and here the remedy for the situation in our Classis.

Let us have more faith in the results of preaching, more direct prayer for the salvation of souls; more direction of the love and faith of the members of our Churches to personal work and to missions.

Your Committee would recommend that Classis advise each Church to undertake direct and thorough Evangelistic work during the coming year, and that a Committee on Evangelistic Work be appointed by the President of Classis to promote and assist such work in the several Churches, in every way possible.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Rev. Ernest Clapp was dismissed to the Classis of Hudson, April 12, 1904.

EDWARD S. RALSTON, Chairman.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

Your Committee begs to report as follows:

The statistical table tells its own story. It is pleasant to report that all the Churches of the Classis but one report admission to Church membership on confession. Mount Vernon reports 16, Second Tarrytown 18, Hastings 38. This is the evidence that the preached Word is honored of God and that men are being added to the Church of such as shall be saved by our instrumentality.

However, owing to revisions of Church-rolls comparisons with reports of former years are out of the question.

Two of the Churches are without the oversight of a pastor and it is to be hoped that these vacancies may soon be supplied.

Regarding the financial conditions of the Churches they are very much the same as last year. In the missionary contributions there is an increase of $435 compared to those of last year.

Bronxville has called Rev. J. Lovejoy Robertson, D. D., who will shortly be installed pastor of this Church.

Cortlandtown is without a pastor.

Greenburgh.—Our Sunday School is growing, so is our C. E. Society. Both are doing good work.

Our services have been well sustained. As to the future of our Church, it never seemed brighter. While but two years ago the Land Company went begging for tenants, to-day there are not houses enough to accommodate the people. The people coming to Elmsford are a desirable people. Four have united with us on certificate; several have expressed their desire to unite with us at our next communion.

Greenville.—We are sorry that our report shows no progress during the past year. There are many changes taking place within the bounds of our congregation and the families that are coming among us are not, generally, church-going people—but we have good hope of getting the children with the Sabbath School, thus reaching the parents through the children. The attendance at the services on the Sabbath are very good, notwithstanding many adverse circumstances.

Hastings is without a pastor.

Mount Vernon.

Mile Square.—We have lost thirteen members by removal.

Park Hill, Yonkers.—The past year has been full of blessed service and rich returns. In May we dedicated our new Church, and in January installed our new pipe organ. The attendance on ordinances has been gratifying indeed.

Peekskill.—We have reason to close the fiscal year with gratitude for the divine blessing upon our work. The ordinary interest has been maintained; the training and teaching of the children have been attended to in Sunday School and Cate-

chetical Classes. In all the work of the Church there has been a marked degree of unity and harmony. The reports of the various Societies and Committees offer evidence of healthful life and activity.

First Tarrytown.—We report another year of general interest in the affairs of the Church, as shown in Church attendance, additions to the Church, contributions for Church support and benevolence, and in the service which has been rendered in connection with the Sunday School, the Missionary organizations and in the Societies engaged in Church work. We rejoice in the entire harmony which has prevailed for so long, and in the outlook we are permitted to share together upon the work we hope to accomplish.

Second Tarrytown.

Unionville.

Yonkers First Reformed.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The following pastoral changes took place during the year:

The pastoral relations between the Rev. Wm. S. C. Webster and the Church at Bronxville and between Rev. F. A. Force and the Church at Montrose were dissolved by the Classis, July, 1903, and that of Rev. Orville L. Sigafoos and the Church of Hastings March, 1904.

We also report the departure to his heavenly home of Rev. David Cole, D. D., who died Oct. 20, 1903.

H. DEVIRES, Chairman.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession.	Rec'd on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First Claverack	George H. Burrill	106	6	1	4	....	3	246	2	....	.....	57	4	260	$ 747	$ 89	$ 1,719	Claverack, Col. Co., N. Y.
Gallatin	Nicholas Pearse	72	6	4	3	....	3	135	....	2	.....	.....	1	99	96	6	910	Mt. Ross, Duch. Co., "
Germantown	Vacant	*115	3	3	4	....	1	208	7	1	.....	.....	1	124	196	.....	1,391	Germantown, Col. Co., "
Greenport	Charles E. Corwin	90	1	3	....	....	5	144	2	1	.....	50	2	125	161	25	1,283	Greendale, " "
Hudson	Charles Park, S. C.	275	7	15	6	....	8	458	6	2	.....	.....	1	211	1359	134	4,844	Hudson, " "
Linlithgo	Vacant	76	....	....	4	....	5	174	....	....	.....	.....	1	106	88	11	1,317	Livingston, " "
Livingston Memorial	Daniel P. Doyle	70	17	1	2	1	1	113	5	7	.....	30	1	115	90	15	1,329	Linlithgo, " "
Mellenville	George Z. Collier	100	....	3	3	....	4	176	4	....	50	50	1	85	119	27	1,038	Mellenville, " "
Philmont	Ephraim W. Florence	120	5	8	8	....	4	250	2	2	.....	100	1	300	711	55	1,571	Philmont, " "
Upper Red Hook	Ernest Clapp, P. E.	45	....	....	2	1	4	115	1	....	42	.....	1	48	250	30	1,007	Up'r Red H'k, Dutch. Co., "
West Copake	E. T. F. Randolph	85	2	6	3	....	....	100	6	1	.....	.....	1	173	52	4	§1,834	West Copake, " "
	Total	1154	47	44	39	2	38	2119	35	16	92	287	15	1646	$ 3,869	$ 396	$ 18,243	

Other Ministers: Benjamin A. Bartholf, 116 Sabine St., Syracuse, N. Y.; Mortimer Smith, Saugerties, N. Y.; Jonah W. Vaughan, City Point, Waldo, Co., Maine.

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* Last Year's Report in part. § Repairs.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Bloomingdale	Vacant	60	1	5	7	....	4	150	2	....	21	115	1	135	$ 11	$ 40	$ 600	Bloomington, N. Y.
The Clove	H. Hageman (S. C.)	135	7	8	4	....	3	290	13	1	200	100	3	300	491	24	1,797	High Falls, "
Dashville Falls	F. K. Shield	38	3	5	4	....	....	60	3	2	.....	.....	1	58	14	.....	381	Tillson, "
Gardiner	John B. Appel, P. E.	85	2	2	....	....	1	125	5	....	.....	.....	1	63	51	5	1,297	Gardiner, "
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher	70	4	1	....	....	1	117	3	3	76	45	2	135	69	22	875	Libertyville, "
Hurley	Vacant	62	....	....	....	....	4	131	4	....	35	.....	1	101	166	10	757	Hurley, "
Kingston, Fair St.	Frank B. Seeley	208	7	14	13	....	5	380	3	7	.....	.....	1	241	363	87	3,400	Kingston, "
Krumville	Vacant	25	....	....	2	....	1	77	....	....	.....	.....	1	50	16	.....	175	Krumville, "
Lyonsville	Vacant	36	....	....	6	....	1	103	3	....	.....	.....	1	45	12	4	171	Kripplebush, "
Marbletown	Vacant	92	1	2	2	3	1	*129	2	....	.....	.....	2	150	105	.....	1,253	Stone Ridge, "
Marbletown, North	Supplied	25	....	3	....	....	1	40	1	....	25	16	1	45	26	.....	247	Marbletown, "
New Paltz	E. Christian Oggel	268	8	8	12	....	7	596	20	1	350	260	6	400	593	134	2,595	New Paltz, "
Rochester	W. P. Francisco	115	5	2	2	....	3	230	6	7	.....	.....	5	309	193	10	1,147	Accord, "
Rosendale	E. M. Duck	90	6	1	7	....	6	130	13	2	13	.....	1	120	26	7	1,220	Rosendale, "
Rosendale Plains	F. K. Shield	80	28	9	3	....	2	149	2	12	.....	50	1	130	67	24	790	Tillson, "
St. Remy	Vacant	47	3	1	4	....	....	80	....	....	.....	110	1	110	35	.....	534	St. Remy, "
	Total	1436	75	61	66	3	40	2587	80	35	720	696	29	2392	$ 2,239	$ 237	$ 17,240	

Other Ministers: James Cantine, Missionary, Muscat, Arabia; George Davis, 116 Hollywood Avenue, East Orange, N. J.; J. L. MacNair, High Falls, N. Y.; Charles L. Clist, Stone Ridge, N. Y.

Candidate: E. H. Keator, Rosendale, N. Y.

Classical Agents: E., F. B. Seeley; D. M., E. C. Oggel; F. M., F. K. Shield; Dis. Min. Fund, J. L. Snyder.

Treasurer: H. Hageman.

* Revised List.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd on Confession.	Rec'd on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jamaica	Robt. K. Wick	260	24	17	26	.....	3	*452	16	8	.....	.....	2	425	$ 1,450	$ 200	$ 6,630	221 F'lt'n St., Jam'ca, N. Y.
Newtown	Chas. K. Clearwater	125	4	1	.....	.....	2	263	1	.....	.....	.....	2	300	280	25	2,600	23 Victor Pl., Elmhurst, "
Oyster Bay	Wm. D. Ward	106	1	5	2	.....	2	147	3	.....	.....	91	1	91	190	2	1,028	Glen Head, L. I., "
North Hempstead	Alfred Duncombe	75	2	2	.....	.....	1	*155	4	.....	.....	.....	1	150	164	87	1,040	Manhasset, " "
Williamsburgh	E. D. Bailey (S. S.)	130	31	17	8	.....	2	245	3	10	.....	.....	1	271	673	310	2,815	130 Taylor St., Br'kl'n, "
Astoria	John C. Raucher	185	30	.....	3	.....	.....	310	16	2	.....	.....	1	§410	272	380	4,858	80 Remson St., Astoria, "
Flushing	Jas. R. Swain	198	30	46	4	.....	4	476	12	25	.....	.....	2	353	764	608	6,688	88 Browne Av., Flushing, "
Kent St., Brooklyn	Lewis Francis	187	8	4	5	.....	5	409	16	1	.....	.....	2	896	2,119	193	5,666	143 Noble St., Brooklyn, "
South Bushwick	Edward Niles	361	63	8	11	.....	.....	563	44	7	109	60	1	1111	283	140	‡10,130	15 Nimrod St., " "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	80	11	.....	.....	.....	5	208	46	2	.....	18	1	200	175	25	2,017	520 2d Av., Astoria, L. I., "
East Williamsburgh	Vacant																	
Queens	J. S. N. Demarest	76	3	2	3	.....	3	135	12	1	.....	.....	1	175	347	18	1,455	Queens, L. I., "
Ger. Ev., Brooklyn	Geo. G. Wacker	135	23	.....	.....	.....	25	275	90	.....	.....	56	1	600	54	105	†4,164	335 S. 5th St., Brooklyn, "
Ger. Ev.	Elbert S. Schilstra	58	4	.....	.....	.....	1	103	4	.....	.....	50	1	125	48	25	897	West Sayville, L. I., "
Sayville	Herman H. Shook	94	6	.....	2	.....	1	64	3	.....	.....	.....	1	68	37	55	809	Locust Valley, " "
Locust Valley	Frank Malvin	90	9	.....	2	.....	1	*139	14	1	.....	.....	1	162	241	75	1,632	College Point, " "
College Point	Alexander Shaw	79	1	1	1	.....	1	66	24	.....	.....	20	1	165	106	52	1,202	102 Academy St., " City, "
First L. I. City	Elias Mead (S. S.)	55	14	.....	2	.....	1	75	14	.....	65	22	1	275	45	10	1,063	382 Rvr. Drive, Pass'c, N. J.
Bushwick	Frederick Stoebener	110	44	2	11	.....	5	200	31	2	.....	24	1	235	47	60	1,687	103 Harrim'n Av, Ja'a, N. Y.
Ger. Ev., Jamaica	Ernest Gutweiler	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	9	1	.....	50	1	100	20	.....	780	Hicksville, L. I., "
Hicksville	Lewis F. Sauerbrunn	55	8	.....	.....	.....	1	100	7	.....	.....	10	1	125	18	.....	500	Elmhurst, " "
Ger. Newtown	C. W. Lumfer (S. S.)	140	3	1	6	.....	.....	157	27	.....	.....	.....	1	325	683	203	1,406	Steinway, " "
Steinway	Wm. F. Barny	72	14	2	1	.....	3	74	22	.....	.....	9	2	235	13	5	650	51 Harman St., B'kl'n, N. Y.
Church of Jesus	Vacant	32	6	1	.....	.....	.....	44	.....	.....	.....	4	1	200	31	13	1,778	New Hyde Park, L. I., "
New Hyde Park	Vacant	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	25	2	.....	.....	.....	1	75	.....	.....	400	.....
Sunny Side																		
	Total	2790	339	109	87	.....	67	4825	420	60	174	414	80	7072	$ 8,059	$ 2,590	$ 61,953	

Other Ministers: W. H. TenEyck, S. C., 46 West 93d St., New York City; Robt. H. Barr, Newburgh, N. Y.; Wm. H. Jackson, Woodridge, N. J.; Walter T. Scudder, Vellore, Madras, Pres., India; A. G. F. Bender, Steubenville, Ohio; Howard W. Ennes, Brooklyn, N. Y.; August Gunther, Central Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.; James C. Hume, 85 Powers St., Brooklyn, N. Y., Wm. H. Phraner, Jamaica, N. Y.; John Baumeister, 402 Amity St., Flushing, N. Y.

Classical Agents: D. M., Alex. Shaw; F. M., Robt. K. Wick; Ed., Frank Malvin; D. M. F., Elder David Master. *Treasurer:* H. H. Shook, Hyde Park.

* Revised List. § 135 Home Department. † $800.00 for Church Debt. ‡ $4,102,33 for new Sunday School Building.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
First Ref'd, Brooklyn,	Jas. M. Farrar,	365	45	24	34	.....	15	1128	35	10	.....	.....	1	883	$ 2,023	$ 2,122	.....	857 President St., Br'kl'n.
Flatbush,	Cornelius L. Wells,	185	18	11	8	.....	9	446	9	2	250	200	1	525	4,242	2,691	.....	900 Flatbush Ave., "
Grace Reformed,	Chas. S. Wyckoff,	60	11	15	.....	.....	1	104	8	.....	.....	.....	1	227	354	45	$ 2,344	582 Flatbush Ave., "
New Utrecht,	Alfred H. Brush,	100	7	5	3	.....	5	360	4	1	.....	50	1	450	1,010	258	3,880	7,920 18th Ave., "
Gravesend,	Peter V. VanBuskirk,	136	2	.....	1	.....	5	275	8	.....	.....	.....	3	500	808	386	2,649	145 Neck Road, "
Flatlands,	John S. Gardner, S. C.,	95	8	4	5	.....	2	237	13	1	39	125	2	320	541	118	3,937	44 Kouwenhoven Place. "
New Lots,	E. W. Greene,	80	6	4	8	.....	.....	*127	4	1	.....	.....	1	298	95	45	2,349	748 Riverdale Av., "
East New York,	Floyd L. Cornish,	136	4	8	5	.....	1	256	2	1	.....	.....	1	390	187	144	3,460	86 Vermont Av., "
South Brooklyn,	William J. Macdonald,	253	9	5	26	.....	5	423	27	.....	.....	430	1	875	496	85	$5,020	5,610 4th Ave., "
Twelfth Street,	I. Collins Caton,	300	46	22	22	.....	6	800	13	8	.....	75	1	1000	434	509	6,986	396 4th Street. "
Bethany,	James Demarest,	60	6	6	9	.....	3	156	5	1	.....	.....	1	240	425	248	2,711	167 Clinton Ave., "
Church on the Heights,	John Douglas Adam,	235	15	28	8	.....	5	458	1	9	.....	.....	1	100	4,653	1,574	27,979	196 Columbia Heights. "
New Brooklyn,	Fred C. Erhardt,	170	55	1	2	.....	19	361	40	.....	.....	36	1	432	127	95	2,979	1,062 Herkimer Street. "
Second Flatbush,	Louis Goebel,	65	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	105	28	.....	.....	15	1	165	10	15	1,014	63 Church Ave., "
Canarsie,	Henry J. Herge,	50	21	2	1	.....	2	136	6	1	35	9	1	123	75	19	1,447	Canarsie, "
St. Thomas, W. I.,	C. M. Perlee,	69	.....	1	1	.....	4	*108	3	.....	.....	26	1	65	12	438	820	St. Thomas, D. W. I.
Ocean Hill,	Vacant,	55	6	2	13	.....	2	110	5	1	.....	.....	1	249	47	.....	1,079	.....
Edgewood,	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams,	60	12	11	3	.....	1	167	9	3	.....	.....	1	225	18	.....	†3,506	1,358 54th St., Brooklyn.
Ridgewood,	George R. Israel,	50	15	6	.....	.....	.....	*80	4	.....	.....	12	1	150	24	.....	1,516	111 Smith St., Sta. 85, "
Greenwood Heights,	A. M. Arcularius, S.S.,	55	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	59	11	.....	.....	.....	1	200	28	.....	685	403 Washington Ave., "
Bay Ridge,	Chas. Judson Scudder,	100	6	2	1	.....	1	192	1	2	.....	35	1	240	382	457	4,024	246 80th St., Bay Ridge, "
German American,	Christian Oswald,	50	20	1	30	.....	1	150	20	1	.....	16	1	150	6	4	1,121	984 Glenmore Ave., "
	Total,	2724	348	158	181	.....	87	6238	256	42	324	1029	25	7813	§15,997	$ 9,253	$ 79,506	

Other Ministers: Daniel Rapalje, 724 Carlton Ave., Plainfield, N. J.; John M. Ferris, 676 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn; Uriah D. Gulick, 238 Central Park West, New York City; Walter T. Griffin, U. S. Consul, Limoges, France; Edwin F. See, Y. M. C. A., 502 Fulton Street, Brooklyn; J. L. Zabriskie, 28 Regent Place, Brooklyn; A. DeWitt Mason, 25 East Twenty-Second Street, New York City; A. M. Quick, 56 Seventh Ave., Brooklyn; J. E. Lloyd, 806 Carrol Street, Brooklyn; J. G. Addy, 164 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, N. Y.; E. Van Slyke, Bleibtreu Strasse, 38-39 Berlin, Germany; John Ficken, Lawyersville, New York; James M. Dickson; M. A. Denman, Springfield, Mass.

Classical Agents: F. M., A. H. Brush; D. M., P. V. Van Buskirk; E., Chas. J. Scudder; D. M. F., C. L. Wells.

Treasurer: John S. Gardner.

* Revised List. § 1,974 dollars for Building Fund. † 1,910 for New Building.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Collegiate	Edward B. Coe, S. M.																	42 West 52d St., N. Y. City.
" Fifth Ave.	Donald Sage Mackay																	1 West 48th St., "
" "	And. Hageman, Asst.																	139 West 84th St., "
" 29th St.	David James Burrell																	248 West 75th St., "
" "	A. E. Myers, Asst.																	309 West 70th St., "
" "	O. L. F. Mohn, Asst.																	141 East 50th St., "
" West End	Henry E. Cobb																	370 West End Ave., "
" "	H. C. Weber, Asst.	1963	148	159	67	.....	33	3615	92	20	.....	.....	9	4309	$76,523	$11,413	.....	368 West End Ave., "
" Middle	John G. Fagg																	3 Rutherford Place, "
" "	Floyd Decker, Asst.																	50 Seventh St., "
" 34th St.	R. W. Courtney																	307 West 34th St., "
" North Chapel	.....																	.....
" Knox Mem'l	Edward G. W. Meury																	405 West 41st St., "
" Vermilye Chap'l	Winfred R. Ackert...																	416 West 54th St., "
Harlem Collegiate	Joachim Elmendorf. / Edgar Tilton, Jr. / Benj. E. Dickhaut.	760	77	54	62	.....	17	1862	43	11	.....	.....	2	1110	8,304	1,967	.....	"The Winthrop," 125th St. / 269 Lenox Ave., " / 171 East 121st St., "
South	Roderick Terry, ‡	112	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	*156	2	.....	60	65	1	65	8,270	3,315	$ 10,000	169 Madison Ave., "
South, Manor Chapel	James Palmer	225	21	3	4	.....	3	293	21	1	.....	65	2	330	300	650	700	205 West 87th St., "
Staten Island	J. Frederic Berg	180	2	12	7	.....	3	395	7	2	.....	.....	2	525	631	247	5,743	Port Richmond, L. I.
Bloomingdale	Wm. C. Stinson	.....	15	13	1	.....	1	†200	.....	3	.....	.....	1	175	139	169	.....	B'way & 68th St., N. Y. City
Madison Avenue	Abbott E. Kittredge. / A. B. Churchman, Ast	400	28	21	16	2	8	1240	20	8	.....	150	2	1300	4,536	10,000	22,000	711 Park Ave., "
German Ev'g'l Mission	Julius W. Geyer	45	4	.....	3	.....	7	215	17	.....	.....	4	1	140	328	504	586	78 Second St., "
Huguenot Park	David Junor	70	8	6	.....	.....	1	58	8	1	.....	.....	1	108	60	.....	1,036	Huguenot Park, S. I.
Mott Haven	John Francis Dobbs	.....	53	14	8	.....	6	405	16	2	.....	125	1	675	40	60	3,997	590 E. 146th St., N. Y. City

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK (CONTINUED.)

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Union High Bridge	J. Brownlee Voorhees.	188	23	16	....	1	6	283	16	1	.....	318	1	333	$ 959	$ 354	$ 3,609	WoodyCrest Av., H.B., N.Y
Fourth German	John H. Oerter	82	10	....	2	....	....	297	22	....	150	20	1	214	410	210	2,000	410 W. 45th St., N. Y. City
Prospect Hill	Henry M. Cox, S. S.	45	7	2	1	....	....	65	4	1	14	47	1	51	48	7	.....	1153 Park Ave., "
Avenue B., German	Jacob Schlegel	80	40	2	6	....	10	300	50	....	.....	29	1	245	125	125	2,350	602 Fifth St., "
Brighton Heights	Arthur H. Allen	140	12	2	10	....	1	206	9	....	.....	.....	1	318	592	98	3,703	New Brighton, S. I., N. Y.
68th St., German	Carl Schlegel	.....	41	....	....	....	5	275	33	....	.....	28	1	300	25	50	1,800	355 E. 68th St., N. Y. City
Ger. Evan., St. Peter's	Jacob Ganss	100	2	....	6	....	3	136	4	....	.....	25	2	192	.....	.....	164	Kreischerville, S.I., N.Y.
Grace	Joseph Rankin Duryee	233	17	5	6	....	5	*320	18	1	.....	.....	1	236	195	648	4,841	139 E. 36th St., N. Y. City
Hamilton Grange	‡ Charles B. Chapln	145	19	19	13	....	....	320	11	8	.....	.....	1	222	280	20	3,325	746 St. Nicholas Av., "
Church of the Comf'r.	J. N. Lyle, S. S.	40	10	4	2	....	1	76	4	2	.....	.....	1	110	.....	.....	892	509 E. 162d St., "
Anderson Memorial	James Hunter, S. C.	60	10	2	13	....	1	*126	17	....	.....	.....	1	215	72	.....	1,227	951 E. 183d St., "
West Farms	William Reese Hart.	45	7	1	....	....	3	52	....	2	.....	41	1	130	71	.....	1,284	2057 Boston Road, "
Fordham	Joseph Merlin Hodson	145	7	2	3	....	2	266	5	....	.....	.....	1	225	551	160	3,159	Fordham, "
Bethany Memorial	J. T. Lansdale	200	41	2	8	....	4	300	26	....	59	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	600	1098 First Ave., "
Columbian Memorial	W. C. Roe	150	20	9	5	1	6	154	6	16	11	25	1	170	38	4	392	Colony, Oklahoma
Prince's Bay	David Junor	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	†22	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	84	.....	.....	.....	Huguenot Park, S. I., N.Y.
Melrose	G. H. Miller	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	†306	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	400	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	5408	624	348	243	4	126	11943	451	79	294	942	37	12242	$102,497	$30,001	$ 73,408	

Other Ministers: G. Henry Mandeville, 128 W. 85th St., N. Y.; Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; E. A. Reed, Holyoke, Mass.; Andrew J. Park, Leonard's Bridge, Conn.; E. Rothsay Miller, Yokohama, Japan; W. W. Clark, 25 E. 22nd St., N. Y.; A. G. Vermilye, Englewood, N. J.; William Westerfield, 107 W. 123d St., N. Y.; William Vaughn; H. V. S. Myers, Shanghai, China; Thomas O. Lowe, New Brighton, S. I., N. Y.; Walter Laidlaw, 11 Broadway, N. Y.; A. H. H. Bechter, London, Eng.; E. J. Runk; Frank H. Wright, 244 San Jacinto St., Dallas, Texas; Fred. J. Barny, Busrah, Arabia; Charles M. Myers, Nagasaki, Japan; Jacob Chamberlain, Ootacamund, Madras Pres., India; Lewis R. Scudder, Ranipettai, Madras Pres., India; W. R. Davis, 1 W. 29th St., N. Y.

Candidates: M. G. Schwartz and Henry Z. Kyle.

Classical Agents: F. M., John G. Fagg; D. M., Andrew Hageman; E., John F. Dobbs.

Treasurer: Henry M. Cox.

* Revised. † Last Year's Report. ‡ Resigned May, 1904.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Bloomingburgh	Joseph McIntyre	80	3	1	4	....	1	100	1	....	40	50	1	64	$ 20	.....	$ 703	Bloomingburgh, N. Y.
Callicoon	Henry Unglaub	56	6	....	2	....	7	113	5	....	.....	10	1	75	27	$ 25	600	Callicoon, "
*Claraville	George Hauser	18	....	....	....	1	....	39	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	75	Grahamsville, "
Cuddebackville	Wm. W. Whitney, P.E.	52	....	....	2	....	3	71	....	....	10	6	1	45	.....	47	169	Cuddebackville, "
Deer Park	T. H. Mackenzie	263	11	11	9	....	9	414	1	6	200	6	2	388	572	212	4,700	Port Jervis, "
Ellenville	Herman C. Berg, S. C.	175	4	2	....	....	2	241	6	1	.....	.....	1	209	264	92	2,486	Ellenville, "
Fallsburgh	B. T. Statesir	80	....	....	....	....	....	134	4	....	.....	6	3	120	123	.....	606	Woodbourne, "
Grahamsville	George Hauser	29	....	2	....	....	2	88	....	....	.....	.....	1	65	17	.....	1,200	Grahamsville, "
Kerhonkson	F. M. Kip	51	4	1	....	....	1	67	6	1	.....	40	2	125	23	4	525	Kerhonkson, "
Mamakating	J. E. Crane	55	1	3	2	....	3	90	....	1	.....	15	1	45	23	.....	709	Wurtsboro, "
Minisink	Andrew John Meyer	85	7	1	2	....	2	82	5	3	.....	.....	2	75	19	35	800	Montague, N. J.
Montgomery	Peter Crispell	125	5	2	2	....	5	315	6	....	.....	40	1	85	497	41	1,960	Montgomery, N. Y.
Newburgh	A. T. Broek	†185	16	21	1	....	2	†307	1	6	.....	.....	1	153	101	.....	4,477	Newburgh, "
New Hurley		100	2	6	4	....	3	164	4	2	.....	55	2	110	64	.....	1,040	New Hurley, "
New Prospect	E. O. Moffett	97	3	3	2	....	5	187	7	2	.....	122	1	122	280	43	1,390	Pine Bush, "
Port Jervis, Second	J. C. Forbes, Treas.	60	1	....	....	....	2	82	10	1	.....	.....	1	120	40	10	1,171	Port Jervis, "
*Shawangunk		87	7	2	3	1	2	175	5	3	.....	56	1	147	107	.....	1,202	Bruynswick, "
Unionville		15	....	1	....	....	....	25	....	....	.....	.....	1	65	1	.....	100	Unionville, "
Walden	Wm. Wyckoff Schomp	200	10	15	8	3	10	409	17	3	120	230	1	308	‡963	86	2,764	Walden, "
Wallkill Valley	Charles Maar	95	5	7	5	1	1	†213	3	1	54	.....	1	170	162	32	1,957	Wallkill, "
Wallkill Lower	J. Robert Beale, (S. S.)	96	3	....	....	....	1	129	5	3	.....	.....	2	75	9	.....	700	Bushkill, Pa.
Walpack Upper	J. D. Grull	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dingman's Ferry, "
Wawarsing		75	7	....	....	....	....	50	....	3	.....	.....	1	30	.....	.....	250	Napanoch, N. Y.
	Total	2079	95	78	46	6	61	3495	86	36	424	636	28	2596	$ 3,313	$ 629	$ 29,643	

Other Ministers: G. S. Garretson, Dingman's Ferry, Pa.; H. A. Hendrickson, Flushing, L. I.; F. K. Ruhl, Canaan Four Corners, N. Y.
Classical Agents: E. O. Moffett, M.; W. W. Schomp, Ed.; H. C. Berg, D. M. F. and Pub.

* Last Year's Report. † Revised List. ‡ $400 toward Schoonmaker Memorial.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. VanGieson, S. C.	200	14	2	3	.....	12	448	4	2	.....	.....	1	175	$ 1,410	$ 1,066	$ 4,058	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	Edward S. Ralston	200	3	9	8	.....	3	406	2	1	.....	.....	2	255	1,706	880	4,095	Poughkeepsie, "
Fishkill	A. H. Huizinga	105	.....	1	6	.....	4	194	.....	.....	.....	30	1	84	153	46	1,419	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	Addison C. Bird	90	1	1	1	.....	3	139	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	90	185	5	889	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	Wm. A. Dumont	85	1	2	12	.....	3	161	.....	1	.....	.....	*3	120	167	20	932	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	Charles G. Mallery	138	1	.....	2	.....	.....	†156	1	.....	.....	.....	1	109	333	17	3,502	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	E. A. MacCullum	164	28	6	3	.....	3	†325	12	10	80	45	1	240	446	25	3,890	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	Henry F. Hamlin	62	4	.....	1	.....	2	90	4	1	30	.....	1	83	45	.....	1,346	Hyde Park, "
Glenham	Vacant	40	.....	.....	2	.....	1	38	1	.....	.....	.....	1	35	9	.....	490	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Vacant	20	2	.....	3	.....	3	50	2	1	5	35	1	50	3	2	385	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	J. E. Lyall	104	8	1	4	.....	4	187	5	8	.....	.....	2	90	486	.....	2,698	Millbrook, "
	Total	1208	62	22	45	.....	38	2194	31	24	115	110	17	1331	$ 4,943	$ 2,061	$ 23,704	

Other Ministers: Henry N. Cobb, 25 East 22nd St., New York City; C. W. Fritts, Hudson, N. Y.; P. W. Pitcher, Amoy, China; F. F. Wilson, Asbury Park, N. J.; William Bancroft Hill, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

* 2 are Union Schools. † Revised Lists.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd												Benevolent.				
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.		
Bronxville	J. S. Robertson, P. E.	85	3	3	6	....	1	107	....	1	.....	.....	1	125	$ 1,144	$ 17	$ 2,457	Bronxville,	N. Y.
Cortlandtown	Vacant	75	....	....	1	....	1	118	4	....	.....	.....	2	182	.....	.....	616	Montrose,	"
Greenburgh	G. A. T Goebel	40	1	4	....	....	1	58	4	....	.....	12	1	59	24	.....	567	Elmsford,	"
Greenville	J. A. Harper	40	....	....	2	....	....	48	2	....	.....	.....	1	70	36	.....	766	Scarsdale,	"
Hastings	Vacant	85	38	9	3	....	....	161	7	2	.....	.....	1	130	45	10	1,902	Hastings,	"
Mount Vernon	C. H. Tyndall	152	16	16	4	....	2	338	2	2	.....	.....	2	280	722	217	5,017	137 S. 6th Av. Mt. Ver'n,	"
Mile Square, Yonkers,	C. H. Tyndall, (S. S.)	25	9	4	1	....	1	26	2	4	.....	.....	1	60	.....	.....	368	137 S. 6th Av. Mt. Ver'n,	"
"	Wm. P. Bruce, S. C.	140	16	28	10	....	1	282	7	3	.....	.....	1	225	573	33	7,500	71 Livi'st'e Av. Yonk's,	"
Park Hill	Henri de Vries	103	3	4	....	1	1	154	4	....	.....	30	1	141	133	24	1,778	Peekskill,	"
Peekskill	John K. Allen	130	6	7	11	....	6	315	8	3	.....	.....	1	250	969	242	5,006	Tarrytown,	"
Tarrytown, First	Arthur P. Mabon	†116	18	17	10	....	4	†207	2	11	.....	.....	1	184	486	37	3,337	Tarrytown,	"
Tarrytown, Second	Albert Kuiper	40	....	....	....	....	1	70	1	....	.....	.....	1	80	44	.....	1,060	Hawthorne,	"
Unionville	Fred. W. Cutler	185	10	9	3	....	4	315	10	1	.....	.....	1	200	293	250	5,172	Yonkers,	"
Yonkers, First																			
	Total	1216	120	101	51	1	23	2199	43	17	.....	42	15	2026	$ 4,428	$ 859	$ 38,546		

Other Ministers: Revs. J. H. Bertholf, New York City; W. W. Rand, J. G. Gebbard, Yonkers, N. Y.; J. C. Andrews, Springfield, Mass.; F. M. Bogardus, Asbury Park, N. J.; J. W. Hoyt, Mount Vernon, N. Y.; James Bolton, Millstone, N. J.; Howard Harris, Morioka, Japan; Frank M. Scudder, Nyano, Japan; H. J. Bogardus, Jersey City, N. J.; Wm. T. C. Webster, Mauch Chunk, Pa.

Classical Agents: Rev. J. W. Hoyt, Jr., F. M. Rev. J. H. Bertholf, D. M. Rev. J. S. Robertson, D. M. & W. F. Rev. H. de Vries, Ed. Rev. C. H. Tyndall, S. S. *Treasurer:* H. L. Garrison.

† Revised Roll.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1904.

CLASSES.	Number of Churches.	Number of Ministers.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.
				Rec'd												Benevolent.			
				On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Hudson	11	12	1154	47	44	39	2	38	2119	35	16	92	287	15	1646	$ 3,869	$ 396	$ 18,243	Charles Park.
Kingston	16	12	1436	55	51	66	3	40	2587	80	35	720	696	29	2392	2,239	237	17,240	Herman Hageman.
North Long Island	25	32	2790	339	109	87	.....	67	4825	420	60	174	414	30	7072	8,060	2,590	61,953	Wm. H. TenEyck.
South Long Island	22	34	2427	348	158	181	.....	87	6238	256	42	324	1029	25	7813	15,717	8,854	72,523	John S. Gardiner.
New York	35	62	5408	624	348	243	4	128	11943	451	79	294	942	37	12242	102,497	30,001	73,408	James Hunter.
Orange	23	21	2079	95	78	46	6	61	3495	86	36	424	636	28	2596	3,313	629	29,643	Herman C. Berg.
Poughkeepsie	11	14	1208	62	22	45	.....	38	2194	31	24	115	110	17	1331	4,943	2,061	23,704	A. P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	13	20	1216	120	101	51	1	23	2199	43	17	....	42	15	2026	4,428	859	38,546	Wm. P. Bruce.
Total	156	207	18018	1690	911	758	16	480	35600	1402	309	2143	4156	196	37118	$ 145,346	$ 46,025	$ 342,243	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by sub-committee on each of the Classes, and the reports were severally accepted and adopted and are as follows:

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Classis of Hudson reports that they have duly examined the said minutes and found them correct

J. B. VOORHEES.
THOS. SNYDER.

Classis of Kingston.—The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Classis of Kingston reports that they have duly examined the said minutes and found them in order.

NICHOLAS PEARSE.
A. D. PIESTER.

North Classis of Long Island.—The Committee to examine the minutes of the North Classis of Long Island has carefully examined them and find them correct.

A. J. MEYER.
R. B. DUNN.

South Classis of Long Island.—The Committee appointed to examine the record of the South Classis of Long Island has done so and found it correct.

CHAS. E. CORWIN.
ELMER R. DECKER.

Classis of New York.—We have examined the minutes of the Classis of New York and find in them nothing needing correction.

GEO. Z. COLLIER.
N. B. HUNTER.

Classis of Orange.—The Committee on the minutes of the Classis of Orange respectfully reports that they have examined these minutes and find that they have been properly and carefully kept and are in good order.

J. A. HARPER.
W. P. GLENNEY.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Your Committee appointed to examine the minutes of Classis of Poughkeepsie begs leave to report that the minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie have not been presented.

J. C. FORBES, Committee.

Classis of Westchester.—Your Committee has examined the minutes of the Classis of Westchester and find them neatly and properly kept and recommends that they be approved by the Synod.

WM. A. DUMONT.
FLOYD QUICK.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

There has been submitted to this Committee a letter from the Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, addressed to the Stated Clerk of our Synod, concerning a previous overture of the Synod to said Board asking that a Missionary be appointed "to look after the occupancy of new fields, especially within the bounds of Greater New York." The Secretary's letter states that the Board has decided that it would not be inconsistent with the other duties of its Field Secretary, Rev. W. W. Clark, to

use such time as may be at his disposal for such work; and that he has therefore been authorized by the Board to look after the interests of Church extension within the designated bounds. The letter further states that he has already entered upon this work, having held conferences with the Classical Church Extension Committees.

Your Committee recommends that this Synod cause to be communicated to the Board of Domestic Missions its cordial approval of its actions, and its satisfaction with the arrangements made.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. Z. COLLIER.
D. D. BEEKMAN.
A. D. PIESTER.
CHAS. E. CORWIN.

Rev. W. W. Clark was heard in reference to the work done during the past year.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon, after the organization, was spent in devotional exercises, led by the Vice-President.

The bar of the house was designated.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered Tuesday evening immediately after the Synodical Sermon. The form was read by the President of Synod. The addresses at the table were made by the Revs. J. B. Voorhees and J. C. Forbes. The element of the bread was distributed by Elders Glenney, Beekman, Snyder and Quick. And the wine by Elders Hunter, Dunn, Piester, Putnam.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the President appoint a Committee of Arrangements, of which the Pastor of the Church shall be a member, to fix the hours of meeting and adjournment of the sessions of this Synod, and of the religious exercises; to select those who shall assist at the services connected with the Synodical sermon; to appoint the Ministers and Elders who are to administer and distribute the elements of the Lord's Supper; and to set the time for the reading of the papers and the hearing of the representatives of the Boards of the Church.

The President appointed as such Committee Revs. G. Z. Collier, G. H. Burrill, Elder Elmer Decker.

The report of the Committee, which was accepted and approved, was carried out. The representatives of the Boards and the readers of the papers were heard and the sessions began and adjourned at the hours fixed therefor.

A paper was read by the Rev. E. C. Oggel, D. D., on the "Four Beasts of the Apocalypse," and one by the Rev. Charles E. Corwin on "the Aqueduct through Which our Fathers drew the Water of Life."

The Rev. J. W. Conklin, was heard in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. W. W. Clark in behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions. The claims of the Board of Education were presented by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. G. Gebbard.

On motion the Committee on Nominations were requested to select persons for reading papers at the next regular meeting of this Synod.

The Committee recommended that the following be appointed to read papers on subjects of their own

selection at the next session of the Synod: Primarius, Rev. G. H. Burrill; Secundus, E. S. Rolston; Primarius, A. T. Broek; Secundus, A. Kieper.

On motion it was resolved that the Stated Clerk be authorized to procure the printing of 300 copies of the minutes of this session of Synod.

It was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod communicate with the Stated Clerks of the Classes within its bounds calling their attention to the necessity on the part of each Classis of arranging for a full delegation in attendance upon sessions of Synod.

The following action was taken:

The Particular Synod of New York would make expression of its indebtedness to Rev. Geo. H. Burrill and the Church of Claverack for the cordial hospitality which has been shown to the members of Synod during its session.

Therefore be it

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod expressed by a rising vote be extended to the Church and its pastor.

ARTICLE XX.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

The Treasurer presented the following account, which was read and referred to the Committee on Treasurer's Accounts, and their report, which was accepted and adopted, is as follows:

Your Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts reports that they have examined the Treasurer's Accounts with the vouchers and find them correct; and that there is a balance due the Synod of one

hundred and seventy-seven dollars and eighty-five cents ($177.85).

N. PEARSE, *Chairman.*
W. A. DUMONT.
W. P. GLENNEY.
J. A. HARPER.
THOMAS SNYDER.

Particular Synod of New York in account with Theophilus A. Brouwer, Treasurer.

Dr. **Cr.**

1903.			1903.		
June 3.	To Cash paid R. W. Anderson & Son for printing 300 copies Minutes of 1903	$114 00	May 1.	By Cash balance from old account	$414 81
" 3.	" paid Rev. Herman Hageman, for expressage on Minutes, sent to archives at New Brunswick	1 15			
" 3.	" paid Rev. Herman Hageman, for printing, as per bill of R. W. Anderson & Son	5 25			
" 3.	" paid Rev. Herman Hageman, for Doorkeeper at Kingston	5 00			
" 3.	" paid Rev. Herman Hageman, for traveling expenses of Rev. A. E. Kittredge, D. D.	3 25			
" 3.	" paid Rev. Herman Hageman, am't traveling expenses of Rev. A. D. W. Mason	86			
" 3.	" paid Rev. Herman Hageman, for stationery, postage and his traveling expenses as Stated Clerk	4 68			
" 3.	" paid Rev. Herman Hageman, for salary as Stated Clerk, for year ending May 1st, 1904	100 00			
Aug. 6.	" paid The Leader Company, for binding 2 Vols. Minutes	2 50			
1904. May 2.	Balance due Synod to new account.	177 85			
		$414 81			$414 81

E. E. New York, May 2nd, 1904.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, Treasurer.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO SYNOD.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. Nicholas Pearse.	Rev. E. W. Florence.
" E. T. F. Randolph.	" Ernest Clapp.
" Daniel P. Doyle.	" G. H. Burrill.
Elder Wm. Cole.	Elder Frank B. Harder.
" John W. Scott.	" Peter F. Post.
" Thomas Miller.	" Edward A. Best.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. James Cantine.	Rev F. B. Seeley.
" J. L. MacNair.	" F. K. Shield.
" E. C. Oggel.	" W. P. Francisco.
Elder Jno. VanWagenen.	Elders Geo. B. Merritt.
" J. L. Snyder.	" A. G. DeWitt.
" Solomon DuBois.	" Stephen Merrihew.

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. Geo. G. Wacker.	Rev. J. R. Swain.
" E. S. Schilstra.	" J. C. Hume.
" H. H. Shook.	" August Gunther.
" W. H. TenEyck.	" R. H. Barr.
" Alexander Shaw.	" E. Gutweiler.
Elder John Hetzel.	Elder John Hepburn.
" NicholasVanderberg	" G. B. Schwartz.
" S. D. Wright.	" J. L. Bogart.
" A. P. Deppisch.	" M. H. VanSicklen.
" T. S. Payntor.	" A. Wallmiller.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. C. L. Wells.	Rev. A. H. Brush.
" C. S. Wykoff.	" J. D. Adam.
" F. C. Erhardt.	" A. D. W. Mason.
" C. J. Scudder.	" J. L. Zabriskie.
Elder H. D. VanOrden.	Elder W. R. Bennett.
" J. C. Bergen.	" John Bingham.
" H. T. Gray.	" W. K. Voorhees.
" John Z. Lott.	" J. F. Berry.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. H. E. Cobb.	Rev. J. W. Geyer.
" F. H. Wright.	" J. H. Oerter.
" J. G. Fagg.	" O. L F. Mohn.
" A. E. Kittredge.	" B. E. Dickhaut.
" Andrew Hageman.	" H. C. Weber.
" E. B. Coe.	" J. F. Berg.
Elder Daniel Henry.	Elder W. H. Valentine.
" J. S. Bussing.	" J. W. Castree.
" W. N. Clark.	" C. A. Runk.
" W. T. Demarest.	" C. L. Francisco.
" W. L. Brower.	" R. J. McCracken.
" W. H. Jackson.	" H. W. Bookstaver.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. H. Unglaub.	Rev. George Hauser.
" H. C. Berg.	" Peter Crispell.
" T. H. Mackenzie.	" J. MacIntyre.
" W. W. Schomp.	" F. M. Kipp.
Elder Valentine Mauer.	Elder Thomas Mullenaux.
" M. E. Clark.	" T. C. Bruce.
" A. Phillips.	" W. H. Mills.
" Sanford Abrams.	" C. E. Terwilliger

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. E A. McCullum.	Rev. A. P. VanGieson.
" H. F. Hamlin.	" J. E. Lvall.
" E. S. Ralston.	" W. A. DuMont.
Elder Benj. Hammond.	Elder M. A. Fowler.
" T. A. VanWagner.	" Floyd Quick.
" W. M. Quintard.	" Theodore Christian.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. J. K. Allen.	Rev. J. A. Harper.
" J. G. Gebbard.	" H. DeVries.
" F. W. Cutler.	" A. Kuiper.
Elder M. H. Bright.	Elder Henry Seeley.
" J. P. Radcliffe.	" G. Dingledine.
" Frederick Springer.	" J. A. Thurton.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTION TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned to meet in regular session on the first Tuesday of May, 1905, at 3 P. M., in the Madison Avenue Reformed Church, New York City.

ARTICLE XXIV.

The minutes were read and approved. The roll was called and the Synod adjourned after the doxology and prayer by Rev. E. C. Oggel, D. D.

E. C. OGGEL, *President.*
WM. A. DUMONT, *Vice-Pres.*

CHAS. E. CORWIN, *Tem. Clerk.*
J. BROWNLEE VOORHEES, *Tem. Clerk.*

A true copy.

HERMAN HAGEMAN, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

Presidents and Places of Meeting of the Synod since the Reorganization of the Particular Synods, 1870-1904.

1870—Rev. M. S. Hutton, D. D.....Yonkers.
1871—Rev. Goyn Talmage, D. D.....Flushing.
1872—Rev. E. P. Rogers, D. D.....Rhinebeck.
1873—Rev. John A. Todd, D. D.....Tarrytown (1st).
1874—Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D. D ...Poughkeepsie (2d).
1875—Rev. John McC. Holmes, D. D..Brooklyn (1st).
1876—Rev. David Inglis, D. D .....Port Jervis.
1877—Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, D. D..Yonkers.
1878—Rev. Alex. R. Thomson, D. D...Newburgh.
1879—Rev. Charles I. Shepard, D. D..Greenpoint.
1880—Rev. Wm. Ormiston, D, D.....Mount Vernon.
1881—Rev. David Cole, D. D.....Montgomery.
1882—Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck.....Jamaica, L. I.
1883—Rev. E. C. Scudder, D.D., M.D.,.Brighton Heights, S. I.
1884—Rev. David N. Vanderveer, D.D.,New York (South).
1885—Rev. Herman C. Berg, D. D....Yonkers.
1886—Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D. D..Newburgh,
1887—Rev. J. Chamberlain, D.D., M.D.,.Claverack.
1888—Rev. Wm. H. Gleason, D. D....Kingston.
1889—Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D. D....Poughkeepsie.
1890—Rev. Lewis Francis, D. D.....N. Y. City (48th St. Col).
1891—Rev. James Demarest, D. D.....Tarrytown (1st).
1892—Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye, D. D.,Brooklyn (S. Bushwick).
1893—Rev. John L. MacNair.....N.Y.City (Bloomingd'le)
1894—Rev. Ame Vennema.....New Utrecht, L. I.
1895—Rev. Charles W. Fritts, D. D...Fishkill, N. Y.
1896—Rev. Ferd. S. Schenck, D. D....Yonkers, N. Y.
1897—Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D. D..Jamaica, L. I.
1898—Rev. Alfred H. Brush, D. D... Fishkill-on-Hudson.
1899—Rev. Herman Hageman... ....Walden.
1900—Rev. David J. Burrell, D. D.....Rhinebeck.
1901—Rev. William P. Bruce.....New Paltz.
1902—Rev. J. Edward Lyall.... .....Brooklyn (12th St.).
1903—Rev. T. H. Mackenzie.....Kingston.
1904—Rev. E. C. Oggel, D. D.....Claverack.

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The Particular Synod of New York met in Regular Session in the Madison Avenue Reformed Church, New York City, May 2, 1905, at 3 o'clock P. M., and adjourned at 12:10 o'clock P. M., the second day of the session.

Formation of Synod.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod opened with prayer by the Rev. E. C. Oggel, D. D., the retiring President. The Synodical sermon was preached by the retiring President, from Luke xix : 13 : "Trade ye herewith till I come." (R. V.)

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Hudson.—Revs.—C. E. Corwin, E. T. F. Randolph, D. P. Doyle, E. W. Florence. *Elders*—Levi Raught, Thomas Miller, Wm. Van Buren, Abram Piester.

Classis of Kingston.—Revs.—H. Hageman, C. E. Lasher, J. B. Appel, E. M. Duck. *Elders*—J. L. Snyder, J. H. Lyons.

North Classis of Long Island.—Revs.—Frank Malvin, W. H. Phraner. *Elder*—Edward H. Reeves.

South Classis of Long Island.—Revs.—J. C. Caton, P. V. VanBuskirk, C. S. Wyckoff. *Elder*—W. Cooper.

Classis of New York.—Revs.—Joseph R. Duryee, R. W. Courtney, Chalmers P. Dyke. *Elders*—John S. Bussing, Hubert VanWagenen, W. H. Jackson.

Classis of Orange.—Revs.—Charles Maar, J. R. Beale, H. C. Berg, T. H. MacKenzie. *Elders*—M. E. Clark, C. E. Cuddeback.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Revs.—E. A. MacCullum, H. T. Hamlin, W. A. Dumont, P. W. Pitcher.

Classis of Westchester.—Revs—J. I. Campbell, J. W. Hoyt, Jr., C. H. Tyndall, J. A. Harper. *Elders*—E. R. McLaury, F. Sprenger, H. L. Garrison.

ARTICLE III.

The Rev. Peter V. Van Buskirk was elected President and the Rev. Joseph R. Duryee was elected Vice-President. The Revs. Frank Malvin and Charles Maar were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

The minutes of the Session of 1904 were read in part.

The bequest of the Rev. Elias VanBunschooten was read.

Acts of Synod.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order was suspended by unanimous consent.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES—*Revs.*—Charles E. Corwin, E. A. MacCullum, D. P. Doyle. *Elders*—Edw. H. Reeves, W. Cooper.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.—*Hudson—Rev.*—C. E. Lasher. *Elder*—F. Sprenger. *Kingston—Rev.*—W. H. Phraner. *Elder*—C. E. Cuddeback. *North Long Island—Rev.*—J. C. Caton. *Elder*—H. VanWagenen. *South Long Island—Rev.*—C. P. Dyke. *Elder*—J. S. Bussing. *New York—Rev.*—E. W. Florence. *Elder*—J. H. Lyons. *Orange—Rev.*—C. H. Tyndall. *Elder*—W. H. Jackson. *Poughkeepsie—Rev.*—E. M. Duck. *Elder*—Thomas Miller. *Westchester—Rev.*—R. W. Courtney. *Elder*—Abram Piester.

CLASSICAL REPORTS AND STATE OF RELIGION.—*Revs.*—P. V. Van Buskirk, W. A. Dumont, J. W. Hoyt, Jr. *Elders*—C. E. Cuddeback, F. Sprenger.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.—*Revs.*—C. S. Wyckoff, P. W. Pitcher, J. R. Beale. *Elders*—M. E. Clark, W. Cooper.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS—*Revs.*—J. A. Harper, H. C. Berg, J. B. Appel. *Elders*—J. S. Bussing, Abram Piester.

NOMINATIONS.—*Revs.*—T. H. MacKenzie, H. T. Hamlin, J. I. Campbell. *Elders*—W. Van Buren, J. L. Snyder.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from the Board of Foreign Missions, informing the Synod that the Board had authorized the Rev. A. E. Kittridge, D. D., to present the interest of said Board before the Synod was read and referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

A communication from the Board of Domestic Missions, informing the Synod that the Rev. Cornelius Brett, D. D., had been appointed its representative at this session of the Synod, was read and referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

A communication from the Rev. A. F. Mabon, pastor of the Second Reformed Church of Tarrytown, N. Y., inviting the Synod to hold its next annual session in his church, was read and the invitation was accepted with thanks.

A communication from Rev. A. D. W. Mason asking for an opportunity for Rev. J. W. Hoyt, Jr., to present the Young People's Work was read and referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Synodical Minutes submits the following report :

There have been placed in our hands the Minutes of the General Synod of 1904, the Minutes of the

Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago, New Brunswick, 1904.

We have examined them and find no matter requiring the attention of the Synod.

CHARLES E. CORWIN,
Chairman.
E. A. MAC CULLUM.
D. P. DOYLE.
EDW. H. REEVES.

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on Classical Reports on the State of Religion reported. It was accepted and adopted and is as follows :

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report that there have come into our hands reports from all the Classes within the bounds of the Particular Synod. Your Committee having carefully reviewed these reports would invite your attention to the following condensed statistical and religious condition of the Synod. Comparing the statistics of this year with those of last year, we ascertain the following facts :

Additional churches 7 ;	whole No.	155.
Additional families 50 ;	" "	18,085.
Received on confession		1,680.
Received on certificate		835.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For Denominational objects	$142,030.
For other objects	47,361.
For Congregational objects	332,266.

A condensed report of the Religious condition is as follows :

Classis of Hudson.—The spiritual condition is hopeful. The gift is gratefully reported of $5,000 from an individual in Philmont for Cordell Academy, Oklahoma. There have been 93 conversions this year to 47 the previous year.

Kingston.—Spiritual condition is hopeful. There are 110 conversions reported as against 75 the year before. All our churches, excepting one, are once more supplied with pastors.

North Classis of Long Island.—"The reports from the Churches," says the committee, "are encouraging. Much has been accomplished and much has been realized."

Several churches report large additions on confession of faith.

South Classis of Long Island.—Spiritual condition is hopeful. There is a net gain of 375 conversions at the termination of the church year. The gifts for Denominational and other objects average about the same as the year before.

New York.—The figures as to conversions do not come up to those of last year. This year 444 ; last year 624.

Orange.—"A fairly active year and gains that are encouraging. A net gain in conversions of 45. The work has been prosperous along all lines."

Poughkeepsie.—The report is not what the Committee would wish it to be. One reason is, perhaps the main reason, that but 26 accessions are reported this year as against 62 the year previous.

But your Committee would most heartily endorse the sentiment of our brethren in that Classis, thus expressed, "Yet we are not pessimistic. Figures are important, but they are not the only criterion of successful work for the Master."

Westchester reports a year "of quiet and steady growth;" about the same number of accessions as the year before and "great liberality among the churches."

A review of the year, as outlined by these reports, should inspire us with gratitude to the great Head of the Church. Brethren, much has been accomplished. Let us join heartily in saying, "Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all His benefits."

And with gratitude for the past let us, above all things, be optimistic, for the risen and ascended Christ is on the throne, and the cause of which He is the acknowledged leader shall not fail to be ultimately victorious.

Respectfully submitted,

E. CHRISTIAN OGGEL,

Chairman.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submits the following report:

There have been received by the Committee statistical reports from all of the Churches of the Classis. Beside these, six of the Churches added remarks in regard to their present condition. Since the sources of information are more complete in the case of these Churches than in that of the other five, it would obviously be unjust to base a general summary of the Classis on these reports without distinction. We therefore divide our summary into two parts :

1. That based on statistics alone, covering the whole Classis.

2. That based on the remarks alone, covering the six Churches making statements.

1. The Report based on the statistics alone.

The general impression is distinctly favorable. While the advance has not been very great, yet it is evenly proportioned, and reveals the fact that Divine Grace working within the Churches is leading them toward a solution of their problems. We have sixty-three more families than last year. This increase is distributed among five Churches, and is most marked in the case of Germantown. Only one Church reports a decrease and that only of one family.

Doubtless the spiritual conditions are best shown by a study and comparison with other years of the number received on confession. The increase is worthy of note, from 47 to 93, almost 100 per cent. Seven Churches show an increase, one has the same number, and three a slight decrease. In one of these cases the decrease is not surprising after large accessions last year. It is to be noted that the Churches with new pastors show the greatest increase, thus proving not only the vulgar proverb

that a new broom sweeps clean, but also the higher saying, "Other men labored and ye have entered into their labors."

The number added by certificate is less by two than last year. Dismissals are four more and deaths two more than last year. There have been six suspensions, indicating an effort toward a proper but difficult goal. Baptisms show an increase of eight infants and ten adults. The net increase in our membership is 85

Three Churches report the number of baptized non-communicants at a total of 153. Four Churches report the number of their catechumens as 267, twenty less than last year. A glance at the table of the Classis of Holland upon the opposite page reveals an interesting contrast. In that large Classis only two Churches do not report in these columns and they make no report at all. If it is impossible for us to obtain these statistics it were better to say so, but if this lack is caused by neglect it is time to strengthen the things that remain which are ready to die. The number of Sunday Schools is the same as last year but the enrollment is less by 84. Several of the reports show an increase and the loss is almost entirely in the two strongest Churches of the Classis. It is probably therefore more apparent than real, the result of more careful counting.

The amount raised for Congregational Purposes is $1,255.00 more than last year but no especial improvements are reported.

We now turn to the reports of benevolence, which is the pulse of the Classis. Our gifts for Denominational Objects at first strike us very favorably. The total is $8,460.00, an increase of $4,593.00 over last year. But $5,000 of this is the gift of an indi-

vidual in Philmont for Cordell Academy, Oklahoma. Properly deducting this we find our gifts are $406.00 less than last year. An examination of the tables shows that six Churches gave more and five less than a year ago. It is a strange fact that the increase has been altogether among the weaker, country Churches, while the stronger Churches show a decrease. The decrease in Claverack alone is more than the total for the entire Classis. The banner Church is Linlithgo at Livingston which has increased more than 200 per cent. Livingston Memorial is also deserving of especial praise. For other objects our benevolence has increased $40.00.

2. The Report based on the remarks alone, covering six Churches.

From these we gather three general conclusions:

a. There exists in these Churches a spirit of harmony and an earnest purpose after higher things.

b. A sense of weakness and need of the Spirit in view of mighty obstacles.

c. An enlarging outlook and conception of the duties and privileges of the Christian.

The following are the summaries of individual reports:

Claverack.—Statistical report only.

Gallatin.—The Church is well organized, the people have a mind to work. The young people are interested.

Germantown.—Progress is sure. More workers are needed and the blessing of the Spirit.

Greenport.—Quiet life and earnest endeavor manifesting itself in prayer and effort. Without the Church an interest in religion with a strange disinclination to join the Church. Further repairs are planned.

Hudson.—Statistical report only.

Linlithgo at Livingston.—The Church is gaining ground and a deep interest is manifest both within and without. All organizations are doing excellent work and there is increased interest in missions.

Livingston Memorial.—This church is making steady progress along all lines. Her offerings last year were the largest in the history of the church.

Mellenville.—This church has had many discouragements but she is now advancing and the sunshine overcomes the shadow. There has been considerable advance during the year along all lines, especially in additions and benevolence.

Philmont.—Statistical report only.

Upper Red Hook.—Statistical report only.

West Copake.—Statistical report only.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The Rev. Ernest Clapp was received April 19th, 1904, by certificate from the Classis of Poughkeepsie and was installed pastor of St. John's Church of Upper Red Hook, May 25, 1904.

Mr. William Louis Sahler, licentiate, was received May 27th, 1904, by certificate from the Classis of Kingston and ordained and installed pastor of the Germantown Church, June 15th, 1904.

The Rev. John C. Wightman was received Sept. 20th, 1904, by certificate from the Franklin Association of Congregational Ministers of Mass., and installed pastor of the Linlithgo Church, Oct. 11th, 1904.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. George H. Burrill and the Church at Claverack was dissolved March 7th, 1905, and he was dismissed to

the Hampshire Association of Congregational Ministers.

CHARLES E. CORWIN,
Chairman.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The Committee on the State of Religion begs leave to submit the following report: The Churches of the Classis have sent in their reports as requested except the Church of Krumville, and in the statistical table we have inserted the figures of last year for this Church. In reviewing the reports we will let the Churches speak for themselves.

Bloomingdale says: "Since the settling of our pastor the work of the church has been faithfully carried on in all departments. Our financial strength has been lessened by the removal of some of our people. Still we find much to encourage us. The people are now united in the work of the Master and a good degree of spirituality is being manifested."

The Clove has had a year of sunshine and shadow. The number received into the Church, the continued usefulness of the Junior C. E., the growth of the Home Department of the Sunday School, are among the favorable signs of this year's work. While change of residence caused by business depression has made heavier burdens for those to carry who compose the present working force of the Church, their consecration and loyalty and love are a constant source of thanksgiving to God.

Dashville Falls.—Statistics only.

Gardiner.—Statistics only.

Guilford gratefully praises God for the mercies of another year. The services of God's House have been maintained to the standard of former years. The Church has been called on to surrender a true and tried elder at the call of God to his Eternal Home.

Hurley.—Statistics only.

Fair Street reports a year of uninterrupted service. The attendance upon the services of God's House has grown and all the agencies of the Church have been active and successful. The Church feels the need for more young men to take the place of the older ones in the prayer circle as the time of active service of many of these must be but short. "During the year the Church assumed a great work in the complete renovation and decoration of our house of worship. At a cost of $2,500 we have made our Church Home beautiful and churchly." The prayer of both pastor and people is that God's grace may abound.

Lyonsville.—Statistics only.

Krumville.—No report.

Marbletown.—Statistics only.

North Marbletown.—Statistics only.

New Paltz has closed the year with gratitude for covenant mercies. Some fellow workers have been called to the service above and their places have been filled by recruits from the world. All branches of church work have been carried on with regularity, and offerings have been taken for all the Boards and Funds of the Church as well as numerous outside benevolences. A beautiful communion table and a white marble baptismal font have been presented to the church by two ladies. The

prayer for the future is for the continued Divine benediction on the Church.

Rochester.—Statistics only.

Rosendale sees God's goodness to them in the fact that the year has closed so well with them financially and for the privilege of sowing the seed of Divine Truth during the year which will spring up and bring forth a harvest.

Rosendale Plains.—Statistics only.

St. Remy.—Statistics only.

In reviewing the work of the year the Committee would call attention to these facts:

1st. The failure of so many of the Churches to revise their rolls. This is the year according to the direction of General Synod that we were to make the statistics of membership as accurate as possible.

2nd. We must notice the fact that so many of our Churches have not sent any remarks to accompany the statistical table. The only way that the eye of the whole Church can see what is being done in the individual Church is in the report of that Church made to Classis and by the Classis submitted to the Particular Synod. It is a pulling down of the shades and a closing of the door when we read in the printed report "statistics only."

And 3rd. The comparison of the reports for this year with last year's shows the following facts: With but one exception the growth of the Churches has been but normal. The additions by confession are about the same as in former years. We note with gratitude and thanksgiving to God the fact that in the Church of Rochester forty-five have been received by confession. The Holy Spirit's presence was manifested in a gracious revival in a portion of

the congregation and reached out in its influence to all of the outlying preaching stations. This is all the more remarkable from the fact that the Church has had no pastor during the year. The supply, Mr. E. H. Keator, conducted the special services and the gracious ingathering of forty-one souls was the result.

The report shows a slight decrease in our benevolent offerings while moneys raised for congregational work exceed those of last year, owing largely to the improvements made in one of our churches. Still figures cannot fully represent the work of the year. Faithful work has been performed. In the careful and prayerful presentation of the word of God from the pulpit and in the Sunday School and in the home, in the consistent godly lives lived by the membership of the Church, and above all in the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit's Presence and Power, we have the warrant for our belief that coming time will reveal a gracious ingathering into the Church of God as a result of the seed sowing of this past year.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Owing to continued ill health the pastoral relation between Rev. W. P. Francisco and the Church of Rochester was dissolved May, 1904.

Rev. F. K. Shield was dismissed to the Classis of Orange, June, 1904, his pastoral connection to the Churches of Rosendale Plains and Dashville Falls being dissolved.

July, 1904, Mr. Henry J. Vyverberg was examined for ordination and installed pastor of the Church of Hurley.

October, 1904, Rev. Wilmer MacNair was receiv-

ed from the Presbytery of Monmouth and in December he was installed pastor of the Churches of Marbletown and Lyonsville.

February, 1905, Rev. Frank A. Force was received from the Classis of Westchester and he was installed pastor of the Churches of Bloomingdale and St. Remy.

April, 1905, Rev. J. D Grull was received from the Classis of Orange and arrangements made for his installation as pastor of the Churches of Rosendale Plains and Dashville Falls.

April, 1905, Rev. George Davis was dismissed to the Classis of Newark.

H. HAGEMAN,
Chairman.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion would report as follows :

The reports from the Churches are very encouraging. Much has been attempted and much has been realized. Through careful revision of the rolls of three of the Churches many who had removed, have been dismissed to other Churches. Evidently due care has not been observed in the making of reports for which the net loss according to the reported number of additions and dismissions and deaths is 51. Yet the figures for the total membership show a gain of 116. There seems to be an unwillingness to give the figures in the column of baptized non-communicants. The Sunday Schools show a gain in enrollment of 72. Gifts for benevolence are slightly increased, and while the total

amount reported for congregational purposes is a little less than last year, the difference is more apparent than real, as the majority of the Churches show a year of material prosperity. Several Churches have had large additions on confession of faith. On the whole the year has been one of material and spiritual blessings.

Jamaica sends only statistical table which shows growth both spiritual and material.

Newtown reports an increase in both of its Sunday Schools. The spiritual condition is better than for some time past. By the settlement of the contest of the will of Cornelius S. De Bevoise, the Church will receive a legacy of about $70,000.

Oyster Bay tells of a year of regular work, but the prospects of growth are not encouraging on account of many removals and the coming of a class of no help to the Church.

North Hempstead.—Statistical table only.

Williamsburgh.—No report.

Astoria has had a year of substantial growth. Many improvements have been made. The Sabbath School has been graded and quarterly examinations held. The finances have been well sustained. The influence of the Church is felt everywhere in the community.

Flushing sends only the figures but these show growth and increased results. The large number of additions by certificate shows that new families are being brought under its care.

Kent Street, Brooklyn.—Every department of work has gone forward. Dr. Francis closed his pastorate on the 25th anniversary of his installation.

The Rev. Robt. G. Hutchins, D. D., was installed Feb. 28, 1905.

South Bushwick has had a substantial addition on confession and many more are soon to unite. The Sunday School has added a Junior Department. The Church has been remodeled and other improvements made.

Second Astoria has had a remarkable year. Two items of especial interest are noted. The raising of $600 by voluntary contribution to pay off the remaining indebtedness, and the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Church.

East Williamsburgh.—No report.

Queens.—No marked spiritual condition but healthy activity, well attended services, increased membership, and material prosperity, with substantial gains in the amounts contributed both for congregational purposes and benevolence.

German Evangelical, Brooklyn.—A year of peace and faithful service. Attendance at Church and Sunday School has increased. They feel the Lord is materially encouraging and blessing them in their spiritual work.

Sayville reports a year of regular and well attended services. Some losses by removals and no compensating gains The debt on the parsonage has been reduced.

Locust Valley reports the strange situation of increased membership of Church, Sunday School and Societies, while the attendance has decreased. This Church has a bright outlook for the future due to the change of the nature of the community from

a farming to a residential section. The young people have been very faithful.

College Point has grown. The Sunday School has been graded, and has enjoyed renewed interest and growth especially in the primary department. The teachers have been instrumental in adding members to the Church. All financial obligations have been met by voluntary gifts. A noteworthy increase in contributions for Denominational objects has been made.

First Long Island City tells of steady growth in all departments, and a marked increase in the spiritual life. "In no previous year of our history as a Church has the blessing of God been so signally manifest in increased attendance at the regular services, an ever enlarging number of scholars rendering Sunday School accommodations inadequate, and in the devotion and zeal of our young people in the Christian Endeavor. Prayer Meetings have been well sustained and the peace and harmony which have marked the present pastorate for 20 years, still prevail."

Bushwick.—No report.

German Evangelical, Jamaica, has had a year of healthy growth with larger hopes for the future as the city is growing. The Sunday School is flourishing. An Andrew and Philip society has been organized, and a piano purchased. The services, especially the evening, show increased attendance and the midweek service has been a source of blessing.

Hicksville has lost seven families by removal, one of these, Elder Cornelius R. Bergen, the founder of the Church. All societies and the Sunday

School are in good condition, and they are living in hopes of better days to come.

German, Newtown.—A new consistory has been installed and a call extended to Mr. Jacob Meyer, a student. The future of the Church is bright and hopeful.

Steinway reports an excellent year. Accessions encouraging. Great enthusiasm in every department of the work. This Church gives very generously for benevolence.

Church of Jesus.—Pastor and people are discouraged, as the Church has suffered from the organization of another Church near them. "The difficulties are great and the future seems dark."

New Hyde Park rejoices in a year of blessings both spiritual and material. Services in all departments give evidence of awakened life and interest, while unity and loyalty prevail. The Church property has been improved and for the first time in its history all expenses have been met without aid from the Board of Domestic Missions. The Church seems strong enough to support a settled pastor.

Sunny Side.—Owing to the changes brought about by the construction of the tunnel, this church has suffered some losses. A removal to a neighboring locality may be advisable.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Lewis Francis, D. D., and the Reformed Church of Greenpoint (Kent St.) Church was dissolved on May 23, 1904, and on the petition of the Consistory he was declared Pastor Emeritus of said Church.

Rev. Ray F. Carter, a member of the Kent Street Church and a graduate of the Union Theological

Seminary, having obtained a dispensation from the General Synod, was examined and licensed on June 13, 1904, and dismissed to the Central Conference of Connecticut.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Louis F. Sauerbrunn and the German Second Reformed Church of Newtown was dissolved on Nov. 7, 1904, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery.

The Rev. Robt. G. Hutchins, D. D., was received by certificate from the Presbytery of Brooklyn on Feb. 6, 1905, and installed pastor of the Greenpoint Reformed (Kent St.) Church on Feb. 28, 1905.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Wm. F. Barny and the Church of Jesus, Brooklyn, was dissolved on April 18, 1905.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. D. WARD.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee on the State of Religion within the bounds of the South Classis of Long Island, begs leave to submit the following report :

Your Committee has received Consistorial Reports from all the Churches and carefully examined the statistics. Very encouraging statements received from a goodly number of the Churches. Large accessions on Confession of Faith are reported, which clearly demonstrates the fact that "the Spirit of God worketh when, and where, and how, He pleases" in the hearts of the children of men. The total communicant membership appears to be 6,558 as against 6,238 of last year's report. There have been 421 additions on confession and 137 by certificate.

Dismissions have been 94, and the number of deaths 89. So that the net gain from these figures would be 375 for the year.

The contributions for denominational and other objects, and for congregational purposes, average about the same as last year.

But one church is without the oversight of a pastor, and it is to be hoped that this vacancy, caused by the demise of the distinguished under-shepherd of the Flatbush Church, may soon be supplied. We realize that the place of our departed Brother, Cornelius L. Wells, D. D., in which he served so long and well, is not easily filled. Three ministers have been received from other Classes and installed pastors over their respective charges. One minister was dismissed to another Classis.

The abstract of the Consistorial Reports is as follows :

First Reformed.—This Church reports a peaceful, prosperous, and prophetic year.

Flatbush reports a very prosperous year financially, and rejoices in the manifest presence of God's Spirit in their midst. They bow in sorrowful submission to the will of the Heavenly Father, in removing so suddenly by death their beloved Pastor.

Grace Reformed Church has a message of peace, harmony and good-will as characterizing its workings—both in Consistory and in the Church proper. With that deference to the brotherhood of mankind, and with that reverence for the Fatherhood of God, the belief is entertained that the spiritual condition of the Church is both healthful and life-giving. As a poet so aptly has said :

"One happy people, we, in harmony agree ;
One God, one Saviour, one Spirit, worshipping the Triune Three."

New Utrecht rejoices that, under the Divine favor, the privilege of Christian service has through another year, been granted them, and that its exercise has resulted in much that is gratifying and encouraging. An excellent spirit has been manifested in all the divisions of activity, whilst the number of accessions to the Church exceeds that for many years.

Gravesend.—The year has been characterised by peace, a fair degree of religious interest, and financial liberality. They are just rejoicing in the midst of a successful observance of the 250th anniversary of the Church's existence.

Flatlands thanks God for another year of Christian service in which there have been evidences of the Divine presence and blessing. A new Lecture Room has been erected, which will in a short time be occupied, affording all suitable accommodations.

New Lots.—Statistical report only.

East New York reports that the roll has been revised. The grim messenger of death has removed two of her most prominent members, both elders, from her midst.

South Brooklyn reports that the prospects seem bright for the immediate future. All Societies are increasing in membership and interest.

Twelfth Street.—All departments in the Church are moving along smoothly. A general satisfaction among the people is expressed. The Spirit of God is manifest in their midst.

Bethany reports that the work has been carried on steadily and persistently, yet, apparently, without the manifested results which were so greatly desired. A debt of gratitude is expressed in behalf

of the Church-on-the-Heights, for their timely pecuniary aid in helping Bethany Church to carry on its work, and in sending an efficient staff of S. S. teachers to render faithful service.

The Church-on-the-Heights **briefly reports that they open this year a new settlement work at Bethany Chapel.**

New Brooklyn **looks back upon a most prosperous year. All financial obligations have been met with fidelity; and, with a balance in the treasury, it was made possible to pay off nearly $1200.00 on the Church's indebtedness. The attendance upon the means of grace has been larger during the past year than ever before, and the spiritual interest of the people has been quickened. It may be safely said, that the last year of a pastorate of now eleven** years has been the most successful of them all.

Second Flatbush.—The future of the Church looks bright. All Societies are in a flourishing condition. The Church edifice was repaired and painted and other improvements made. Twenty-four new members were received into the Church on Confession of Faith.

Canarsie is experiencing both a material and a spiritual "renaissance" throughout her entire organization. "The revival spirit in our midst looks most favorable," is the testimony of the author.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., reports no accessions to the Church during the year. The membership has been decreased by two deaths and three dismissals. The roll of S. S. scholars also has been decreased. A number of people are obliged to leave for other quarters because the business of the island continues depressed. The financial conditions are deplorable.

The Church services were greatly interrupted on account of the necessary absence of the minister, for a period of six months, in the United States. During that interval of time, the pulpit was supplied every Sunday morning by one of our good Moravian Brethren. In closing, the Church of St. Thomas sends this petition to Classis: "Brethren, pray for us, that the Word of God may have free course, and be glorified among us."

Ocean Hill.—This Church is about emerging from a crisis. It has experienced a sharp struggle within and without. But a change for the better has come during the past few months. A deepening of spiritual life and activity is perceptible everywhere, and the prospects for a larger manifestation of the Holy Spirit are favorable.

Edgewood reports the largest amount of money raised for current expenses and the smallest number of additions to the membership of the Church. Yet, through a ten days' series of union meetings held in the Church, there has been spiritual quickening, and the hope is entertained that an ingathering of souls will follow as a result of this campaign.

Ridgewood reports general prosperity in matters temporal and spiritual. The results of the year's work make a fairly good showing. Considering the spirit of the age, its tendency to worldliness, pleasure and luxurious living, one ought to be thankful if only *few* seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Greenwood Heights reports that the work has been prosecuted with fidelity and acceptance, and is confidently expecting results. The future looks promising indeed.

Bay Ridge reports a good year, their best in many ways, for God's Spirit has been graciously with them.

German American Church reports ups and downs, lights and shadows, triumphs and struggles. In due season we hope to reap, if we faint not.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The following changes have taken place within the bounds of the Classis during the year:

Rev. C. F. N. Voegelin was received from the Classis of Schoharie, September 12th, 1904, and installed pastor of Ocean Hill, October 6th, 1904.

Rev. F. M. Kip was received from the Classis of Orange, October 18th, 1904, and installed pastor of Greenwood Heights, November 9th, 1904.

Rev. Howard C. Hasbrouck was received from the Classis of Paramus, November 7th, 1904, and installed pastor of New Lots, November 30th, 1904.

Rev. Cornelius Low Wells, D. D., died on December 12th, 1904.

Rev. A. M. Arcularius was dismissed from the South Classis of Long Island to the Classis of Newark, April 15th, 1905.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. ISRAEL,
Chairman.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Your Committee on the State of Religion begs to present the following report for the year 1904. The figures of last year are far below those of the year 1903. There are several reasons, however, for this

decrease, viz.: The revision of the rolls, and the late date of Easter Sunday this year, which cannot be counted in the reports of those congregations who begin their year with the fifteenth of April. In all the Churches of the Classis there are but three in which the accessions of the year 1904 exceed those of the previous year, and the financial columns present almost the same condition. It may be noted that the falling off is especially marked in the larger churches. But figures are not the measure of the churches' real condition, and the Committee takes pleasure in quoting the following:

New York Collegiate Church reports that notwithstanding the protracted illness of Dr. H.E. Cobb, and the affliction brought upon the Middle Church by the "Slocum" disaster, she has enjoyed a prosperous year, and calls especial attention to the spiritual awakening of her people, and the progress of the Sunshine and Sixty-first Street Missions.

Harlem Collegiate Church reports, "While no new lines of work have been taken up by either of our churches during the past twelve months, we feel that the year has brought to us very many blessings, both materially and spiritually, for which we are truly thankful."

South Church.—No report.

Manor Chapel, reports "Continued and steady growth," and cites the harmony and earnestness of the members as a "constant inspiration and encouragement."

Staten Island Church reports "a deeper spiritual interest than has been manifested heretofore"

Bloomingdale Church.—Statistics only.

Madison Avenue Church reports "general inter-

est and activity in all branches of the work, especially in the East Side Branch."

***German Evangelical Mission*, although lamenting the passing of the youth and vigor of her congregation, cites the faithfulness of her members, most of whom come from great distances, as an inspiration to continue in the work.**

***Huguenot Church*.—Statistics only.**

***Mott Haven Church*.—Statistics only.**

***Fourth German Church* reports a healthy spiritual condition.**

***Prospect Hill Church* reports an increase of 25 per cent. in the attendance on the Sunday services, and a still larger increase at the prayer meeting.**

***Union Church of High Bridge* says, "A year of** substantial progress, increasing attendance upon all services of the Church, Sunday School, prayer meeting, etc."

Avenue B. German Church.—Statistics only.

Brighton Heights Church reports that the Church is in a healthy spiritual condition ; that the services of the Church, Sunday School and Young People's Societies have been held through the year ; that there is a hopeful and religious life in the Sunday School ; and that contributions have been made to all the Boards with a large increase in benevolent offerings over last year.

Sixty-Eighth Street German Church reports that during the vacancy in the pastorate, Rev. Jacob Schlegel, of Avenue B. Church, has continued to instruct the catechumens and to conduct the weekly prayer meeting, besides performing the pastoral duties of the Church.

St. Peter's (Kreischerville) German Church reports a quiet year, with a steady advance in all lines of church work.

Grace Church reports a united and faithful Church. During the year the building was renovated at a cost of $2,000, and the pastor celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary with a united and faithful people.

Hamilton Grange Church after being without a pastor for five months, has taken a new start, with a desire to improve the church building so that they may be able to compete with those congregations in the neighborhood which are housed in beautiful church edifices.

Church of the Comforter brings in a very encouraging report of life and progress in all lines.

West Farms Church reports that the Rapid Transit Railway has made her property untenable and she hopes soon to begin to build on a new site.

Fordham Church.—Statistics only.

Anderson Memorial Church writes, "As always, our attitude is one of expectancy. The soil is hard, but we persuade ourselves that there are signs of softening, and we hope soon to be able to reap a harvest."

Bethany Memorial Church reports very encouragingly about the children's work, and laments the condemnation of her building, which lies in the path of the new Blackwell's Island bridge.

Columbian Memorial Church (Oklahoma), rejoices in the arrival of Rev. A. P. Brokaw upon the field. Her report says, "One new feature of our work during the past year has been the establishment of the 'Christian Council,' a prayer meeting

exclusively for the camp Indians, which has been well attended by them and is productive of good results."

Melrose German Church.—No report.

The above quotations are most encouraging and inspiring, and the hope and prayer of your Committee is that through the power of the Holy Spirit the earnest efforts of last year may be so blessed as to bring about a great revival of pure religion in all our Churches which will make glad the very heart of the great Head of our Church.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

May 23, 1904, Licentiate A. P. Tulp was dismissed to the Classis of Bergen.

May 23, 1904, Rev. C. B. Chapin resigned the Pastorate of Hamilton Grange Church, and was dismissed to the Presbytery of Rochester, of the Presbyterian Church in U. S. A.

July 1, 1904, John Froschl, after examination, became a Licentiate.

October 18, 1904, Licentiate John Froschl was dismissed to the Presbytery of Westchester, of the Presbyterian Church in U. S. A.

November 8, 1904, Rev. Giles H. Mandeville, D. D., died.

November 10, 1904, Rev. Floyd Decker was installed as pastor of the Church of the Comforter.

November 10, 1904, Rev. Chalmers P. Dyke was received from the Classis of Montgomery.

November 10, 1904, Rev. Arthur B. Churchman was received from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, of the Presbyterian Church in U. S. A.

December 1, 1904, Rev. William Byron Forbush

was received from the Suffolk North Congregational Association of Massachusetts.

December 1, 1904, Rev. Chalmers P. Dyke was installed as pastor of Hamilton Grange Church.

January 12, 1905, Rev. Arthur B. Churchman was installed as pastor of Bethany Memorial Church.

January 26, 1905, Rev. Wesley Reid Davis, D. D., died.

February 27, 1905, Rev. Charles Schlegel resigned from the pastorate of the 68th Street German Church, and was dismissed to the Presbytery of New Orleans, of the Presbyterian Church in U.S.A.

April 18, 1905, Rev. J. Edgar Winne was received from the Classis of Ulster.

April 18, 1905, the name of Rev. Wm. Westerfield was, at his own request, removed from the roll.

April 18, 1905, Rev. J. T. Lansdale was dismissed to the Presbytery of Baltimore, of the Presbyterian Church in U. S. A.

April 18, 1905, the names of Rev. Garrett J. Folmsbee and Rev. Alex. H. H. Bechger were removed from the roll.

April 18, 1905, the name of candidate M. G. Schwartz was removed from the roll, and his license revoked.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. W. MEURY.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

Report of the Committee on State of Religion :

The yearly consistorial reports have come to the

Committee's hands promptly in nearly every case. Some have omitted remarks, which is regretable, inasmuch as facts of general interest might be stated briefly about any and every field which would at the same time aid in making up a proper report to the Particular Synod.

The returns from the Churches of Orange indicate a fairly active year, and the tables show gains that are encouraging. The benevolent work of our Boards and Funds seems neglected in some congregations, which if taken up heartily would be a certain means of spiritual uplift. Churches like people sometimes decline in health for no other reason than lack of exertion of will power. Activity may be made to yield proportionately, as much social and religious profit in a small as in a large society. A well occupied church will be in the way of growth and fruitage and out of the way of mischief, the same as a boy or girl.

The Committee urges that Classis impress upon elders and deacons, where a pastor is wanting, their joint responsibility for maintaining to the limit of their ability provision for public services and for the support of their church.

The Committee urges also that some way be used for reminding the Churches that the yearly reports cover twelve months ending with March 31st, as it seems evident is some cases that the reports are delayed by an effort to include April additions to membership and offerings.

The Committee urges further that the fact be brought to the attention of the Churches that the table of "Collections" for Benevolences is meant to include all offerings from any agency or individual of a church ; so that if the congregation give $50.00, the Woman's Auxilary $25.00, the Sunday School

$10.00, the Young People's Society $10.00, and some member or members $50.00 to Foreign Missions, the total will be $145.00 for "Foreign Mission Collection." It is to be hoped that the form of the report blanks will be improved so as to give room for the items of benevolence in place of a gross amount for each object

Encouraging reports are returned from nearly all our Churches. The statistics reveal substantial gains and show a healthy interest in strengthening the active working force and in supporting the wider enterprises of the Church at large.

Back of the bare figures lies the steady, never-staying current of Church life that makes quietly for Christian culture and character building. This should not be overlooked in an age when a certain amount of religious excitement and outward activity is taken as the best evidence of piety.

Each Church is the center of influences that cannot be tabulated in numbers, but by faith we may see and reckon the varied uplifting forces that reach more families and individuals than the table of statistics gives.

Bloomingburgh.—No verbal report. A larger interest in the benevolent work of the denomination and kingdom in general would yield a rich reflex influence upon this field. The spirit of harmony must soon be sought if Christ is not to be put to an open shame.

Callicoon.—Pastorless for the whole year. A new baptism from above is desirable, and should be prepared for by fresh consecration on the part of the members and by the use of modern aids and methods in Church work. It is to be regretted that the elders have failed to have any public services and

have not arranged to continue contributions for Church support and benevolence.

Cuddebackville —Pastor and the several Church agencies have been active and a good degree of interest prevails. Large increase not being possible, the opportunity for intensive religious culture is being made use of.

Deer Park.—No verbal report but the statistics tell of earnest work accomplished and contributions to the Boards and Funds exceeding last year. The pastor has had good success with confirmation classes during Lent and with special day and evening lenten services.

Ellenville.—The spiritual condition is healthy. The Aid Society has paid for extensive improvements to the auditorium. They have lost seven esteemed women members, one of whom, Miss Clarinda Strong, left the handsome gift of $15,000 to the Disabled Ministers' Fund. A Home Department of the Sunday School has been organized with good results.

Fallsburgh.—No verbal report. The statistics show a strong interest in the benevolent work of the denomination.

Grahamsville rejoices in a renovated building, which was re-dedicated in the early summer, and whose new and tasteful appointments Classis enjoyed last fall. A Woman's Missionary Auxiliary has been formed. The energy of the pastor, loyalty of the people and the interest of friends are evident.

Kerhonkson.—Pastorless since last fall, and desirious of securing an under shepherd. The Consistory is striving faithfully to hold things together. This is highly commendable.

Mamakating.—All the services have been well supported and God's spirit seems to be present. They hope for good results soon.

Minisink.—Without pastor since Sept. 1, 1904. The Consistory have made some effort to hold things together, and it is to be hoped with good success.

Montgomery.—No verbal report, but returns of addititions and of benevolences tell of good things accomplished. Would that the large missionary interest were shared by all our fields!

Newburgh has enjoyed a year of marked prosperity. Services has been largely attended and the spiritual life of the people deepened. After meetings have been held Sunday evenings with good results. Contributions for all purposes have been increased and a debt of $4,000 has been cancelled. A Men's Society is proving a strong support to the Church.

New Hurley.—A prosperous year in the revival of activity in the several agencies and in extensive repairs and improvements to the property, including memorial windows. Missionary interest is growing, promising substantial gifts next year.

New Prospect.—A year of peace and prosperity, as the statistics plainly indicate. Benevolent gifts are noteworthy, exceeding all previous years but one. The parsonage has been improved extensively inside and out. The Woman's Aid and the Woman's Missionary Society are highly commended.

Port Jervis, Second.—No verbal report but an excellent showing in statistics for this young field.

Shawangunk.—The attendance at services has been good and the interest manifested strong.

They look for a deepening of the spiritual life and more fruitage. The benevolent work has been well sustained.

Walden.—The report shows a year of successful work. There have been substantial gains in membership and in contributions for both benevolence and Church support. Considerable repairs and improvements have been made to the property. The auxiliaries have been active and give great encouragement to pastor and consistory.

Wallkill Valley.—The several agencies have been used with a good degree of vigor and with fair results during the year. Special meetings were held in the fall and resulted in quickening young and old. The parsonage was painted last summer and the property is in good repair.

Walpack, Lower.—The work has proceeded encouragingly and with much prayer. The question of settling the pastor remains undecided. The prayers of Classis are requested for the guidance of the people and for a deeper consecration.

Walpack, Upper.—The pastor was released from this field since April 1st. The Church expects to have a student supply for the summer and hopes soon after to settle another pastor.

Wawarsing.—Pastorless still after earnest efforts to secure a leader. A student supply is desired for the summer. The elders appear to be active in looking after the interests of this Church.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

May 12, 1904, the Rev. W. W. Whitney was installed pastor of the Reformed Church of Cuddebackville.

May 23, 1904, Licentiate Geo. W. Gulick was re-

ceived by letter from the Classis of New Brunswick and sustained his examination for ordination, he having received a call within the bounds of this Classis.

May 23, 1904, the pastoral relations of the Rev. Henry Unglaub and the Reformed Church of Callicoon were on joint application dissolved.

July 17, 1904, the Rev. Geo. W. Gulick was installed pastor of the Reformed Church of Shawangunk.

July 19, 1904, the Rev. Frederick K. Shield was installed pastor of the Reformed Church of New Hurley.

July 18, 1904, the pastoral relations of the Rev. Andrew J. Meyer and the Minisink Reformed Church were on joint application dissolved and a letter of dismission to the South Classis of Bergen was granted Rev. Andrew J. Meyer, Sept. 1, 1904.

Sept. 12, 1904, the Rev. Frederick W. Ruhl entered into his rest.

Oct. 18, 1904, the Rev. Homer MacMillan was received by letter from the Presbytery of LosAngeles.

Oct. 18, 1904, the Rev. Francis M. Kip was at his own request dismissed to the South Classis of Long Island, within whose bounds he had accepted a call.

April 10, 1905, the pastoral relations of the Rev. J. D. Grull and the Reformed Church of Walpack Upper, were on joint application dissolved, and a letter of dismission to the Classis of Kingston was granted the Rev. J. D. Grull.

April 18, 1905, the Rev. Homer Mac Millan was on his own request, dismissed to the Presbytery of Atlanta, Ga.

REV. CHARLES MAAR, Chairman.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would state that the reports, to say the least, are not jubilant. We deeply regret that the facts gathered from the statistics of the several Churches in the Classis have in them little that is of an encouraging nature. This quotation from the First Church of Poughkeepsie is something of the sentiment expressed in many of the reports: "The one feature of the year which moves us to sorrow, and should move us to searching of hearts, and earnest prayer to God, is, the lack of accessions to the Church on confession of faith."

Second Poughkeepsie sends no report.

At *Fishkill* the pastor, on account of ill health, has been unable to preach during most of the year.

Hopewell says that while the number of communicants has not been all that could be desired, yet we find encouragement in the fact that there has been a marked increase in attendance upon Divine service. Financially the Church has prospered. A new pipe organ has been placed in the Church at an expense of seventeen hundred and fifty dollars.

New Hackensack reports, "Our need is a genuine reviving. And for this we are praying and working and looking.

At *Rhinebeck* the outlook for the future is promising. Expecting accessions to the Church at the next communion.

At *Fishkill-on-Hudson* the Church is growing. There have been several additions to the Church. We are just preparing to make the last payment of a large mortgage that has been hanging over the

Church for years. There has been evidence of the Divine favor resting upon us throughout the year.

Hyde Park and Glenham give only the statistical report.

Cold Spring has suffered through deaths and removals. The future of Church is not hopeful.

Millbrook reports financial prosperity. The parsonage has been entirely remodeled and repaired at a cost of over $4,000.

In summarizing we might say that in some cases we miss the cheerful tone, and our hearts are touched with sadness as we weep with thoee who are mourning over apparently fruitless toil, disappointed hopes, and prevalent coldness. Yet we do not want to be pessimistic. There has been external prosperity in several of the Churches.

The peace and harmony which prevail in our churches form a striking feature in the year's history. Our people dwell together in the unity of the faith and the bonds of love. Statistics are not always the best data on which to base one's judgment. They are an important, but not the only criterion. We cannot trace the work of the Holy Spirit in the human soul and no statistical report can therefore fully represent the facts. In a large measure we must leave the results to appear on the great day.

We should be derelict to our duty, and forgetful of the Lord's benefits, if we did not recognize His goodness, and call upon our souls to bless His name, if we did not see His hand even now beckoning us onward, and hear Him saying as never before, confirming it by the experience of the fact, "ask and it shall be given you."

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Rev. A. H. Huizinga was dismissed from Church of Fishkill, April 18, 1905.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. MAC CULLUM,
Com.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

The Chairman on the State of Religion in the Classis of Westchester would respectfully report a year of quiet and steady growth briefly outlined in the narrative and statistical tables. This was adopted and ordered forwarded to the Particular Synod of New York.

Bronxville reports the completion of a beautiful parsonage which is entirely paid for and also the erection of commodious sheds

Cortlandtown.—Statistics only.

Greenburgh.—The community is growing. Fourteen new cottages just built and occupied. Good attendance at services and great liberality among the members.

Greenville.—We are holding our own against adverse circumstances.

Hastings reports a revised roll.

Mile Square.—Statistics only.

Mt. Vernon.—Statistics only.

Park Hill.—Statistics only.

Peekskill.—Good accessions and great encouragements. Union revival services held in city for nine

weeks and not one conversion. Prayers may yet be answered, as there is great need.

First Tarrytown.—Good attendance, unbroken harmony and wonderful liberality.

Second Tarrytown.—Statistics only.

Unionville.—Statistics only.

Yonkers.—Statistics only.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

During the year Rev. F. A. Force was dismissed to the Classis of Kingston and the Rev. W. S. C. Webster, D. D., to the Presbytery of Newton.

The Rev. J. H. Bertholf passed to his reward on December 11th.

The Rev. J. I. Campbell was received from the Presbytery of Baltimore and installed over the Church at Hastings on November 15th.

The Rev. J. Lovejoy Robertson, D. D., was received from the Presbytery of Westchester and installed over the Church of Bronxville on May 17th.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. CUTLER,
Chairman.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.												Benevolent.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First Claverack	Vacant	105	13	5	10	.....	6	248	7	2	.....	59	4	262	$ 231	$ 58	$ 1,569	Claverack, Col. Co., N. Y.
Gallatin	Nicholas Pearse	72	6	1	5	.....	2	135	.....	2	.....	.....	1	101	116	10	967	Mt. Ross, Dutchess Co., "
Germantown	William L Sahler	143	16	4	2	.....	5	246	10	5	.....	.....	1	123	175	35	1,313	Germantown, Col. Co., "
Greenport	Charles E. Corwin	104	2	2	1	.....	4	145	7	.....	.....	.....	2	140	175	20	1,077	Greendale, " "
Hudson	Charles Park, S. C.	275	6	10	5	.....	11	464	4	.....	.....	.....	1	176	1,153	116	4,930	Hudson, " "
Linlithgo	John C Wightman	91	6	8	5	5	3	171	1	2	3	.....	1	116	245	57	1,457	Livingston, " "
Livingston Memorial	Daniel P. Doyle	72	6	1	1	1	2	117	6	2	.....	35	1	110	131	10	1,585	Linlithgo, " "
Mellenville	George Z. Collier	100	10	.....	5	.....	.....	181	2	1	50	50	1	100	171	29	1,260	Mellenville, " "
Philmont	Ephraim W. Florence	125	18	10	8	.....	4	272	3	8	100	123	1	216	†5,704	51	2,959	Philmont, " "
Upper Red Hook	Ernest Clapp	45	10	1	.....	.....	2	125	2	4	.....	.....	1	45	318	48	1,477	Up'r Red H'k, Dutch. Co. "
West Copake	E. T. F. Randolph	85	.....	.....	2	.....	1	100	1	.....	.....	.....	1	173	41	.....	802	West Copake, Col. Co., "
	Total	1217	93	42	44	6	40	2204	43	26	153	267	15	1562	$ 8,460	$ 434	$19,396	

Other Ministers: Benjamin A. Bartholf, 116 Sabine Street, Syracuse, N. Y.; Jonah W. Vaughan, City Point, Waldo Co., Maine.

Classical Agents: Missionary Agent, Ephraim W. Florence; Education, Ernest Clapp; D. M. F. & W. F., Wm. L. Sahler.; S. S. & Y. P. S., E. T. F. Randolph.

Treasurer: Robert M. Shepard, 531 Union Street, Hudson, N. Y.

† $5,000 Cordell Academy, Oklahoma.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Bloomingdale	F. A. Force	60	3	4	8	.....	1	†134	3	2	.....	.....	1	150	$ 67	$	$ 912	Bloomington, N. Y.
The Clove	H. Hageman, S. C.	128	15	3	9	.....	2	*269	27	2	200	100	3	375	436	10	1,831	High Falls, "
Dashville Falls	J. D. Grull	36	2	1	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	45	14	.....	300	Tillson, "
Gardiner	J. B. Appel	†61	6	6	5	.....	1	†114	9	1	12	.....	1	73	64	136	1,366	Gardiner, "
Guilford	C. E. Lasher	68	1	3	2	.....	1	118	6	.....	67	43	2	138	57	23	900	Libertyville, "
Hurley	H. J. Vyverberg	65	10	5	4	.....	1	141	6	2	33	29	1	89	175	10	1,004	Hurley, "
Kingston, Fair St.	Frank B. Seeley	176	10	11	10	.....	5	350	4	6	.....	.....	1	253	381	60	‡6,000	Kingston, "
Krumville	Vacant	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	77	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	50	16	.....	175	Krumville, "
Lyonsville	Wilmer MacNair	35	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	101	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	45	30	10	185	Stone Ridge, "
Marbletown	Wilmer MacNair	92	1	3	1	.....	2	127	4	1	.....	.....	2	120	134	.....	907	Stone Ridge, "
Marbletown, North	H. J. Vyverberg, S. S.	30	.....	1	.....	.....	1	41	.....	.....	25	.....	1	51	19	.....	248	Hurley, "
New Paltz	E. Christian Oggel	262	15	5	10	.....	11	588	6	4	350	380	6	450	609	173	2,598	New Paltz, "
Rochester	Fred. E. Foertner, P. E.	120	45	12	3	.....	7	277	3	25	.....	.....	5	310	124	10	1,079	Accord, "
Rosendale	E. M. Duck	85	1	1	5	.....	8	125	9	.....	40	32	1	117	27	.....	1,271	Rosendale, "
Rosendale Plains	J. D. Grull	80	1	1	3	.....	1	144	.....	1	.....	.....	1	124	25	.....	554	Tillson, "
St. Remy	F. A. Force	47	1	.....	4	.....	.....	77	1	1	.....	.....	1	144	17	.....	595	Bloomington "
	Total	1370	110	56	66	.....	41	2743	78	45	727	584	29	2644	$ 2,195	$ 441	$19,925	

Other Ministers: James Cantine, Missionary, Muscat, Arabia; W. P. Francisco, Caldwell, N. J.
Candidate: E. H. Keator, Rosendale, N. Y.
Classical Agents: E., F. B. Seeley; D. M., E. C. Oggel; F. M., H. Hageman; D. M. F., J. L. Snyder.
Treasurer: H. Hageman.

*28 Placed on non-resident list. †Revised. ‡Including special repair fund.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. No. of Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Other Objects.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jamaica	Robert K. Wick	375	17	17	25	.....	4	*448	20	1	.....	.....	2	568	$ 2,985	$ 460	$ 7,595	231 F'lt'n St., Jamaica, N. Y.
Newtown	Chas. K. Clearwatar	100	10	.....	5	.....	2	266	8	.....	.....	.....	2	300	200	50	2,800	25 Victor Pl., Elmhurst, "
Oyster Bay	Wm. Davis Ward	102	4	1	.....	.....	1	152	1	3	.....	80	1	101	161	9	1,000	Glen Head, L. I., "
North Hempstead	Alfred Duncombe	60	2	.....	3	.....	4	150	3	1	.....	.....	2	150	185	23	1,046	Manhasset, " "
Williamsburgh	E. D. Bailey S. S.	‖130	31	17	8	.....	2	245	3	10	.....	.....	1	271	673	310	2,815	130 Taylor St., Brooklyn, "
Astoria	John C. Rauscher	191	14	4	9	.....	4	318	15	.....	.....	.....	1	313	351	346	4,866	80 Remsen St., Astoria, "
Flushing	Jas. Ramsey Swain	216	38	50	22	.....	9	*490	24	11	.....	.....	2	350	777	306	7,212	84 Browne Av., Flushing, "
Kent St., Brooklyn	Robert G. Hutchins	187	19	4	10	.....	5	417	22	.....	.....	.....	2	741	379	940	4,695	1317 Dean St., Brooklyn, "
South Bushwick	Edward Niles	368	59	5	35	.....	9	583	52	5	160	50	1	1155	448	438	8,828	15 Nimrod St., Brooklyn, "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	85	6	3	.....	.....	2	215	41	.....	.....	14	1	200	181	25	$2,292	520 2d Av., Astoria, L.I., "
East Williamsburgh	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Queens	J. S. N. Demarest	73	2	11	2	.....	1	145	20	.....	.....	125	1	180	346	83	2,415	Queens, L. I., "
German Ev., Brooklyn	George C. Wacker	130	15	4	1	.....	12	260	48	7	.....	65	1	600	64	57	2,338	335 S. 5th St., Brooklyn, "
Sayville	Elbert S. Schilstra	50	3	4	8	.....	.....	102	8	1	.....	30	1	125	69	28	949	West Sayville, L. I., "
Locust Valley	Herman H. Shook	74	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	67	1	1	.....	.....	1	76	8	.....	714	Locust Valley, " "
College Point	Frank Malven	90	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	7	.....	.....	2	1	170	3-5	45	1,663	College Point, " "
First L. I. City	Alexander Shaw	86	6	2	.....	.....	.....	74	50	1	.....	150	1	230	133	10	1,568	102 Academy St., " City, "
Bushwick	Elias Mead, S. S.	‖ 55	14	.....	2	.....	1	75	14	.....	65	22	1	275	45	10	1,463	120 Harrim'n Av., Ja'a, "
German Ev., Jamaica	Frederick Stoebner	135	16	.....	4	.....	9	295	14	.....	.....	9	1	240	50	25	1,877	Hicksville, L. I., "
Hicksville	Ernest Gutweiler	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	5	.....	.....	50	1	100	20	.....	700	Elmhurst, " "
German, Newtown	Jacob Meyer, P. E	55	8	.....	.....	.....	1	100	7	.....	.....	10	1	125	18	.....	500	Steinway, " "
Steinway	C. W. Laufer, S. S.	165	41	1	5	.....	1	193	10	3	.....	23	1	425	540	23	1,573	398 Evr'n Av., Brooklyn, "
Church of Jesus	Vacant	70	4	1	2	.....	.....	73	20	.....	.....	10	2	230	28	16	700	New Hyde Park, L. I., "
New Hyde Park	Vacant	32	2	.....	1	.....	.....	45	3	.....	.....	.....	1	150	40	21	868	353 Bragaw St., L.I. City, "
Sunny Side	Vacant	25	3	.....	.....	.....	1	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	75	.....	.....	354	.....
	Total	2814	329	124	142	.....	68	4941	396	44	225	660	30	7144	$ 5,086	$3,225	$60,431	

Other Ministers: W. H. TenEyck S. C., 46 West 93d St., N. Y. City; Robt. H. Barr, Newburgh, N. Y.; John Baumeister, 402 Amity St., Flushing, N. Y.; Wm. H. Jackson, Woodbridge, N. J.; Walter T. Scudder, Vellore, Madras, Pres., India; A. G. F. Bender, Steubenville, Ohio; Howard W. Ennis, Brooklyn, N. Y.; August Gunther, 234 Sackett St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; James C. Hume, 85 Powers St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Wm. H. Phraner, Jamaica, N. Y.; Minor Swick, 54 Park Ave., Flushing, N. Y.; Lewis Francis, 143 Noble St., Brooklyn, N. Y; Wm. F Barnes, Milltown, N. J.

Classical Agents: E., Frank Malvin; D. M., Alex. Shaw; F. M., Robert K. Wick; D. M. F., Elder David Master.

Treasurer: H. H. Shook.

* Revised List. § $667 for Church Debt. ‖ Last Year's Report.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
First Ref'd, Brooklyn	James M. Farrar	355	71	28	26	.....	14	1187	20	10	.....	.....	1	800	$ 2,565	$ 100	.....	875 President St., Brooklyn.
Flatbush	Vacant	185	20	16	3	.....	10	469	4	4	.....	150	1	550	4,056	2,445	.....	.....
Grace Reformed	Chas. S. Wyckoff	70	2	8	1	.....	1	112	1	.....	.....	.....	1	200	473	107	$ 2,629	582 Flatbush Av., Brooklyn.
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	100	16	2	4	.....	3	371	3	4	.....	50	1	450	1,103	223	3,686	7.920 18th Ave., "
Gravesend	Peter V. VanBuskirk	136	7	.....	1	.....	5	276	4	1	.....	.....	3	500	933	65	3,003	145 Neck Road, "
Flatlands	John S. Gardner, S. C.	91	6	3	2	.....	2	242	17	2	40	125	2	359	645	180	9,466	44 Kouwenhoven Pl. "
New Lots	Howard C. Hasbrouck	80	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	127	6	.....	.....	.....	1	242	56	22	2,045	743 New Lots Ave., "
East New York	Floyd L. Cornish	136	15	.....	4	.....	5	*207	9	.....	.....	.....	1	425	557	113	3,508	86 Vermont Ave., "
South Brooklyn	William J. Macdonald	325	85	42	13	.....	4	621	43	12	.....	500	1	1150	596	414	4,916	413 56th St., "
Twelfth Street	J. Collings Caton	314	52	13	16	.....	8	849	37	9	.....	.....	1	1050	454	363	6,692	478 10th St., "
Bethany	James Demarest	60	2	2	2	.....	1	157	4	.....	.....	.....	1	281	422	173	2,058	167 Clinton Ave., "
Church on the Heights	John Douglas Adam	235	12	11	11	.....	2	468	4	1	.....	.....	1	110	4,289	3,992	11.210	196 Columbia H'ts, "
New Brooklyn	Fred. C. Erhardt	170	29	.....	.....	.....	17	372	36	.....	.....	27	1	*340	86	100	3,899	1062 Herkimer St., "
Second Flatbush	Louis Goebel	65	24	.....	.....	.....	1	110	30	.....	.....	5	1	170	10	12	1,140	63 Church Ave., "
Canarsie	Henry J. Herge	50	21	1	1	.....	3	*116	1	1	20	5	1	150	40	.....	1.374	Canarsie, "
St. Thomas, D. W. I.	C. M. Perlee	67	.....	.....	3	.....	2	103	3	.....	.....	28	1	48	12	3	583	St. Thomas, D. W. I.
Ocean Hill	C. F. N. Voegelin	60	14	4	6	.....	3	* 90	13	1	.....	10	1	270	19	14	1,308	11 Radde Place, "
Edgewood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams	60	.....	4	1	.....	1	169	5	.....	.....	.....	1	225	75	.....	2,365	1.358 54th St., "
Ridgewood	George R Israel	50	11	.....	.....	.....	1	90	2	.....	36	11	1	150	10	.....	1.045	111 Smith St., St'n 85. "
Greenwood Heights	F. M. Kip	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	45	6	.....	6	140	1	200	16	14	689	737 41st St., "
Bay Ridge	Charles Judson Scudder	165	17	3	.....	.....	1	211	.....	3	40	26	1	242	345	†111	4,867	46 8 th St., Bay Rdg., "
German American	Christian Oswald	50	16	.....	.....	.....	3	163	25	.....	.....	16	1	165	.....	.....	1,3 8	984 Glenmore Ave., "
	Total	2824	421	137	94	.....	89	6558	273	48	142	1093	25	8080	$16,761	$8,451	$67,847	

Other Ministers: Daniel Rapalje, 724 Carlton Ave., Plainfield, N. J.; John M. Ferris, 676 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn; Uriah D. Gulick, 238 Central Park West, New York City; Walter T. Griffin, U. S. Consul, Limoges, France; Edwin F. See, Y. M. C. A., 502 Fulton St., Brooklyn; J. L. Zabriskie, 28 Regent Place, Brooklyn; A. DeWitt Mason, 25 East Twenty-Second St, New York City; A. M. Quick, 56 Seventh Ave., Brooklyn; J. E. Lloyd, 806 Carrol St., Brooklyn; J. G. Addy, 164 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn; E. VanSlyke, Landshutter Strasse 32, Shoneberg, Berlin, Germany; John Ficken, Lawyersville, New York; James M. Dickson, 25 Kidder Ave., West Somerville, Mass; M. A. Denman, 108 Calhoun St., Springfield, Mass.

Classical Agents: F. M., A. H. Brush; D. M., P. V. VanBuskirk; E., Charles J. Scudder.

Treasurer: John S. Gardner.

* Revised List.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C.C. & S.S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Collegiate	Edward B. Coe, Sen. M.																42 West 52d Street, N. Y. City
" Fifth Ave.	Donald Sage Mackay..																1 West 48th Street, "
" "	And'w Hageman, Ast.																139 West 84th St., "
" 29th St.	David James Burrell..																248 West 75th St., "
" "	Alfred E. Myers, Asst.																309 West 70th St., "
" "	Otto L. F. Mohn, "																141 East 50th St., "
" West End	Henry Everson Cobb..	1866	155	127	69	3	50	3775	111	9	.....	.....	9	4377	$76,518	13,739	.....	370 West End Ave. "
" "	H. C. Weber, Asst.....																	368 West End Ave., "
" Middle	John G. Fagg..																	3 Rutherford Place, "
" North Chapel	.....																	.....
" 34th St	Robert W. Courtney...																	307 West 34th St., "
" Knox Memorial	Edward G. W. Meury,																	405 West 41st St., "
" Vermilye Chap.	Winfred R. Ackert....																	416 West 54th St., "
Harlem Collegiate	Joachim Elmendorf,...																	125th St. and 7th Ave., "
" Lenox Av. Ch.	Edgar Tilton, Jr.....	*760	67	39	36	.....	16	*1400	46	10	.....	500	2	*1025	8,788	1,850	.....	269 Lenox Ave., "
" First Church	Benjamin E. Dickhaut																	171 East 121st St., "
South	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	156	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South, Manor Chapel	James Palmer.....	200	9	1	3	.....	3	300	22	1	.....	60	2	350	200	100	1,500	405 West 22d St., "
Staten Island	J. Frederic Berg.....	*172	14	9	9	.....	12	*383	5	1	.....	.....	2	450	567	283	5,120	Port Richmond, S. I., "
Bloomingdale	William C. Stinson	.....	2	1	3	.....	2	260	4	.....	.....	.....	1	157	25	428	11,446	Broadway and 68th St., "
Madison Avenue	Abbot E. Kittredge....	480	9	9	31	3	16	1208	10	5	.....	.....	2	1271	3,643	11,604	26,283	711 Park Ave., "
" "	W. B. Forbush, Ast....																	57th St. & Madison Av."
German Evang'l Mission	Julius W. Geyer.....	60	3	.....	2	.....	10	130	14	1	.....	9	1	90	415	754	867	78 Second St., "
Huguenot Park	David Junor.....	*40	7	5	.....	.....	1	*51	7	.....	.....	.....	1	100	65	.....	.....	Huguenot Park, S. I., "
St. Paul's of Mott Haven	John Francis Dobbs.....	*148	16	8	5	.....	4	*300	14	3	96	29	1	447	129	45	2,409	590 East 146th St., "

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK (CONTINUED.)

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.		
Union High Bridge	Jno. Brownlee Voorhees	192	17	4	5	.....	1	*290	29	2	.....	240	1	433	$ 776	$ 379	$ 3,891	Woodycrest Ave.,	N. Y.
Fourth German	John H Oerter	80	9	.....	2	.....	.....	*250	24	1	145	11	1	198	472	197	1,700	410 West 45th St.,	"
Prospect Hill	Henry M. Cox, S. S.	45	3	5	2	.....	.....	*55	2	1	15	50	1	55	66	8	.....	1153 Park Ave.,	"
Avenue B., German	Jacob Schlegel	80	20	.....	6	.....	6	300	50	.....	.....	25	1	225	140	200	2,550	602 Fifth St.,	"
Brighton Heights	Arthur H. Allen	140	9	.....	7	.....	5	*200	10	2	.....	.....	1	379	643	177	3,190	New Brighton, S. I.,	"
68th St., German	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	†275	14	.....	.....	18	2	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ger. Evan., St. Peter's	Jacob Ganss	*75	8	.....	1	.....	14	*130	14	.....	.....	30	2	195	.....	.....	339	Kreischerville, S. I.,	"
Grace	Joseph Rankin Duryee	221	17	6	9	.....	6	327	26	1	.....	.....	1	240	287	418	6,668	189 East 36th St.,	"
Hamilton Grange	Chalmers P. Dyke	*150	10	12	9	.....	3	330	4	.....	.....	.....	1	225	349	.....	3 272	3611 Broadway,	"
Church of the Comforter	Floyd Decker	60	6	11	6	.....	3	*70	6	2	.....	43	1	135	40	.....	966	509 East 162d St.,	"
Anderson Memorial	James B Hunter, S. C.	*141	6	6	6	.....	1	*118	6	1	.....	.....	1	310	60	11	1.316	961 East 183d St.,	"
West Farms	William Reese Hart	45	7	1	2	.....	1	*55	.....	1	.....	41	1	209	63	.....	1,204	2057 Boston Road,	"
Fordham	Joseph Merlin Hodson	70	10	13	10	.....	2	*141	14	1	15	.....	1	230	549	.....	3,015	Kingsbridge " F'd'm,	"
Bethany Memorial	Arthur B. Churchman	176	21	2	4	.....	4	337	20	.....	20	.....	1	1050	41	2	372	1098 First Ave.,	"
Columbian Memorial	Walter C. Roe / A. P. Brokaw, Ast.	150	19	2	3	.....	4	170	1	18	14	35	1	170	80	40	198	Colony, Oklahoma.	
Melrose, German	George H. Miller	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	†308	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	748 Elton Ave.,	"
	Total	5351	444	261	230	6	167	11817	453	60	305	1091	38	12471	$ 93,908	30,233	$76,305		

Other Ministers: Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; E. A. Reed, Holyoke, Mass.; Andrew J. Park, Leonard's Bridge, Conn; E. Rothsay Miller, Yokohoma, Japan; W. W. Clark, 25 E. 22nd St., N. Y.; A. G. Vermilye, Englewood, N. J.; William Vaughan, East Belfast, Me.; H. V. S. Myers, Shanghai, China; Thomas O. Lowe, New Brighton, S. I., N. Y; Walter Laidlaw, 11 Broadway, N. Y.; E. J. Runk; Frank H. Wright, 244 San Jacinto St., Dallas, Texas; Fred. J. Barny, Ruarab, Arabia; Charles M. Myers, Shanghai, China; Jacob Chamberlain, Ootacamund, Madras, Pres., India; Lewis R. Scudder, Ranipetta, Madras, Pres., India; Roderick Terry, 169 Madison Ave., N. Y.; J. Edgar Winne, 288 Alexander Ave., N. Y.

Classical Agents: F. M., J. G. Fagg; D. M., A. Hageman; E., J. F. Dobbs; S. S., E. C. Weber.

Treasurer: Henry M. Cox.

†Last Year's Report. *Revised Roll.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C.C. & S.S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.												Benevolent.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Bloomingburgh	Jos. McIntyre	80	7	.....	.....	.....	1	106	3	4	.....	50	1	64	$ 11	$	$ 580	Bloomingburgh, N. Y.
*Callicoon	Vacant	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	113	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	75	.....	.....	.....	Callicoon, "
*Claryville	Geo. Hauser	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Grahamsville, "
Cuddebackville	W. W. Whitney	52	3	2	4	.....	4	70	4	1	.....	10	1	48	28	5	666	Cuddebackville, "
Deer Park	T. H. Mackenzie	261	12	3	10	.....	6	407	4	3	.....	22	2	390	636	136	4,400	Port Jervis, "
Ellenville	H. C. Berg, S. C	175	8	2	.....	.....	7	244	12	2	.....	.....	1	310	295	50	2,230	Ellenville, "
Fallsburgh	B. T. Statesir	80	1	2	1	.....	4	132	4	1	.....	10	3	162	121	31	717	Woodbourne, "
Grahamsville	George Hauser	25	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	79	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	65	25	2	500	Grahamsville "
Kerhonkson	Vacant	56	4	.....	1	.....	2	68	2	.....	.....	.....	2	155	17	11	245	Kerhonkson, "
Mamakating	J. E. Crane	58	.....	1	.....	.....	2	89	.....	.....	.....	30	1	45	40	.....	700	Wurtsboro, "
Minisink	Vacant	50	6	4	.....	.....	1	80	.....	4	.....	.....	1	30	7	7	287	Montague, N. J.
Montgomery	Peter Crispell	125	14	2	8	.....	6	317	3	.....	.....	40	1	85	472	45	1,627	Montgomery, N. Y.
Newburgh	A. T. Broek	†195	12	16	5	.....	6	308	8	9	.....	.....	1	164	556	183	‡5,769	Newburgh, "
New Hurley	F. K. Shield	100	7	2	1	.....	2	170	.....	2	.....	60	2	125	70	.....	1,340	New Hurley, "
New Prospect	E. O. Moffet	100	11	9	12	.....	6	195	2	2	.....	119	1	119	295	36	1,272	Pine Bush, "
Port Jervis, Second	J. C. Forbes, Treas	100	11	3	2	.....	2	93	7	2	.....	16	1	130	50	6	1,078	Port Jervis, "
Shawangunk	G. W. Gulick	†77	12	2	3	.....	2	†169	1	5	50	.....	1	130	141	118	991	Wallkill, "
Unionville	George Hauser	15	2	.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	65	4	.....	50	Unionville, "
Walden	W. W. Schomp	205	15	11	4	.....	8	†415	10	4	.....	230	1	308	568	56	2,902	Walden, "
Wallkill Valley	Charles Maar	95	12	10	1	.....	6	228	8	3	55	.....	1	165	162	56	1,602	Wallkill, "
Walpack, Lower	J. Robt. Beale, S. S	97	3	.....	3	.....	3	126	4	1	.....	.....	2	80	21	.....	600	Bushkill, Pa.
Walpack, Upper	Vacant	25	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	38	20	65	675	Dingman's Ferry, "
Wawarsing	Vacant	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	†36	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	30	.....	.....	280	Napanoch, N. Y.
	Total	2074	140	69	71	.....	69	3549	73	43	105	587	29	2785	$ 3,539	$ 805	$28,561	

Other Ministers: H. A. Hendrickson, Flushing, L. I., N. Y.; Louis Hieber, Utica, (Masonic Home), N. Y.; Henry Unglaub, 147 Ridgeway Av., Newark, N. J.; Gilbert S. Garretson, Dingman's Ferry, Pa.

Classical Agents: E., W. W. Schomp; D. M. F., H. C. Berg; Missions and Sabbath Schools, E. O. Moffitt.

* Last year's report. † Revised list. ‡ Includes $1,366.50 for church debt.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson, S. C.	200	.....	3	5	.....	3	443	13	.....	.....	.....	1	175	$ 1,298	$1,672	$ 3,819	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	Edward S. Ralston	200	3	9	8	.....	3	406	2	1	.....	.....	2	255	1,706	880	4,095	Poughkeepsie, "
Fishkill	Vacant	105	.....	.....	5	.....	3	189	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	80	112	.....	1,406	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	Addison C. Bird	90	4	5	5	.....	3	140	2	2	.....	.....	3	198	99	50	3,138	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	Wm. A. Dumont	85	4	5	.....	.....	3	*144	3	3	.....	.....	‡3	120	142	21	1,172	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	Charles G. Mallery	142	.....	6	2	.....	4	156	4	.....	.....	.....	1	115	391	15	2,268	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	E. A. Mac Cullum	168	11	12	3	.....	4	341	14	2	.....	.....	1	235	460	125	3,823	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	Henry F. Hamlin	63	1	.....	1	.....	.....	*89	3	.....	90	.....	1	76	23	.....	1,387	Hyde Park, "
Glenham	Vacant	28	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	36	.....	.....	344	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Vacant	15	.....	1	4	.....	3	31	7	.....	.....	30	1	50	.....	.....	363	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	J. E. Lyall	104	2	3	3	.....	2	187	2	2	.....	.....	2	92	322	106	†2,824	South Millbrook, "
	Total	1200	26	44	36	.....	28	2167	50	10	90	30	17	1432	$ 4,553	$2,869	$24,579	

Other Ministers: Henry N. Cobb, 25 East 22nd St., New York City; C. W. Fritts, Hudson, N. Y.; P. W. Pitcher, Amoy, China; F. F. Wilson, Asbury Park, N. J.; Wm. Bancroft Hill, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; J. Howard Suydam, P. E., 207 St. Mark's Square, Philadelphia, Pa.; A. H. Huizinga, Fishkill, N. Y.

Classical Agents: F. and D. M., J. E. Lyall; S. S. and Y. P. S., Wm. A. Dumont.

* Revised roll. † 2 are Union S. Schools. ‡ In additional $4,000 expended on parsonage.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Bronxville	J. S. Robertson	85	11	5	3	.....	.....	120	1	1	.....	.....	1	146	$ 589	$ 25	$ 3,062	Bronxville, N. Y.
Cortlandtown	Vacant	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	118	2	1	.....	.....	2	182	.....	.....	748	Montrose, "
Greenburgh	G. A. T. Goebel	40	4	1	.....	.....	1	65	15	3	2	11	1	65	35	2	601	Elmsford, "
Greenville	J. A. Harper	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	47	1	.....	.....	.....	1	73	35	.....	904	Scarsdale, "
Hastings	J. I. Campbell	88	13	9	5	.....	1	*156	2	.....	.....	46	1	153	21	10	2,008	Hastings, "
Mount Vernon	C. H. Tyndall	177	20	16	8	.....	6	*313	7	6	.....	187	1	249	1,105	181	5,152	137 S. 6th Av., Mt. Ver'n, "
Mile Square, Yonkers	C. H. Tyndall, S. S.	28	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	5	.....	.....	.....	1	76	.....	.....	367	137 S. 6th Av., Mt. Ver'n, "
Park Hill, Yonkers	Wm. P. Bruce, S. C.	140	21	25	15	.....	5	313	6	9	.....	.....	1	280	542	233	5,804	71 Livi'st'e Av. Yonk's, "
Peekskill	Henri de Vries	106	12	6	3	.....	1	152	9	6	72	24	1	128	165	38	1,743	Peekskill, "
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	130	3	9	4	.....	6	316	4	1	.....	.....	1	245	1,382	96	5,476	Tarrytown, "
Tarrytown, Second	Arthur T. Mabon	116	10	12	3	.....	4	222	3	5	.....	.....	1	187	411	44	3,061	Tarrytown, "
Unionville	Albert Knipe	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	68	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	82	.....	.....	718	Hawthorne, "
Yonkers, First	Fred'k W. Cutler	185	18	19	4	.....	5	344	6	5	.....	.....	1	264	243	274	5,588	43 S. Broadway, Yonk's, "
	Total	1255	117	102	43	.....	32	2202	61	37	74	268	14	2130	$ 4,528	$ 903	$34 484	

Other Ministers: Revs. W. W. Rand, J. G. Gebbard, Yonkers, N. Y.; L. C. Andrews, Springfield, Mass; F. M. Bogardus, Asbury Park, N. J.; J. W. Hoyt, Jr., Mount Vernon, N. Y.; James Bolton, Millstone, N. J.; Howard Harris, Morioka, Japan; Frank S. Scudder, Nyano, Japan; H. J. Bogardus, Jersey City, N. J.

Classical Agents: F. M., Rev. J. W. Hoyt, Jr.; D. M., Rev. J. A. Harper; D. M. and W. F., Rev. J. S. Robertson; E., Rev. H. de Vries; S. S. and Y. P., Rev. J. W. Hoyt, Jr.

Treasurer: Mr. H. L. Garrison, Yonkers, N. Y.

* Revised roll.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1905.

CHURCHES.	Number of Churches.	Number of Ministers.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.
				Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent. Denominational Objects.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Hudson	11	10	1217	93	42	44	6	40	2204	43	26	153	267	15	1562	$ 8,460	$ 434	$19,396	Charles Park.
Kingston	16	12	1370	110	56	66	.....	41	2743	78	45	727	584	29	2504	2,195	441	19,915	Herman Hageman.
North Long Island	25	32	2814	329	124	142	.....	68	4941	396	44	225	660	30	7144	8,086	3,225	60,431	Wm. H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island	32	35	2824	421	137	94	.....	89	6558	273	48	142	1093	25	8080	16,761	8,451	67,847	John S. Gardner.
New York	34	56	5351	444	261	230	6	167	11317	453	60	305	1091	38	12471	93,908	30,233	76,305	James B. Hunter.
Orange	23	20	2074	140	69	71	.....	71	3549	73	43	105	587	29	2785	3,539	805	28,561	Herman C. Berg.
Poughkeepsie	11	15	1200	26	44	36	.....	28	2167	50	10	90	30	17	1432	4,553	2,869	24,579	A. P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	13	20	1255	117	102	43	.....	32	2262	61	37	74	268	14	2130	4,528	903	35,252	Wm. P. Bruce.
Total	155	200	18107	1880	835	726	12	536	35741	1427	313	1821	4580	197	38108	$142,030	47,361	$332,266	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by sub-committee on each of the Classes, and the reports were severally accepted and adopted and are as follows:

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Classis of Hudson would report that they have found them neatly and correctly kept, and would recommend their approval.

C. E. LASHER, *Chairman.*
FREDERICK SPRENGER.

Classis of Kingston.—The Committee on the minutes of the Classis of Kingston reports that they have examined the minutes of said Classis and recommends that they be approved.

WM. H. PHRANER.
C. E. CUDDEBACK.

North Classis of Long Island.—Your Committee to examine the minutes of the North Classis of Long Island wishes to report that they have looked over the minutes and find them in form and correct.

J. COLLINGS CATON.
HUBERT VAN WAGENEN.

South Classis of Long Island.—Your Committee respectfully begs leave to report that they have examined the minutes of the South Classis of Long Island and have found them correctly kept and the constitutional inquiries made.

CHALMERS P. DYKE.

Classis of New York.—Your Committee to examine the minutes of the Classis of New York begs

leave to report that they find the minutes neatly and correctly kept.

EPHRAIM W. FLORENCE.
J. H. LYONS.

Classis of Orange.—The Committee appointed to review the minutes of the Classis of Orange would report that they have examined the minutes and found them correct and in order.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON.
C. H. TYNDALL.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Your Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie would respectfully report that they have examined these minutes and find them correct and in good order.

E. M. DUCK.
THOMAS MILLER.

Classis of Westchester.—Your Committee begs leave to report that the minutes of the Classis of Westchester have been examined and found correct.

The constitutional questions answered fully in the affirmative except in the case of questions 2 and 7, in which nearly all the answers are in the negative.

R. W. COURTNEY.
A. D. PIESTER.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Reported on by the Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon, after the or-

ganization, was spent in devotional exercises, led by the Vice-President.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the President appoint a Committee of Arrangements, of which the Pastor of the Church shall be a member, to fix the hours of meeting and adjournment of the sessions of this Synod, and of the religious exercises; to select those who shall assist at the services connected with the Synodical sermon; to appoint the Ministers and Elders who are to administer and distribute the elements of the Lord's Supper; and to set the time for the reading of the papers and the hearing of the representatives of the Boards of the Church.

The President appointed as such Committee, Revs. A. E. Kittridge, D. D., T. H. Mackenzie and Elder J. L. Snyder.

The report of the Committee, which was accepted and approved, was carried out. The representatives of the Boards and the reader of the paper, were heard as recorded, and the sessions began and adjourned at the hours fixed therefor.

A paper was read by the Rev. A. T. Broek, on "The Home Church and her Foreign Policy."

The Rev. A. E. Kittridge and J. W. Conklin were heard in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions and the Rev. Cornelius Brett in behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions. The work of the Board of Education was presented by the Cor. Sec., Rev. J. G. Gebbard.

Rev. J. W. Hoyt was heard in reference to the Young People's work.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered immediately after the preaching of the Synodical sermon. The President presided and read

the form. Addresses were made by Revs. H. Hageman, T. H. Mackenzie; Elders Lyons, Reeves, Jackson and Clark, assisted in the distribution of the bread, and Elders Bussing, Sprenger, VanBuren and Cuddeback, in the distribution of the wine.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Nominations would report that there have been placed in their hands the nominations of the several Classes of delegates to General Synod. For satisfactory reasons given to the Committee, they recommend the substitution of the names of Jesse Crane for W. H. Wintermute in the list of Elders from the Classis of Orange, and of Rev. E. G. W. Meury for Rev. David Junor in the delegates from the Classis of New York.

Following the precedent of past years your Committee recommends that the following persons be invited to read papers at the next meeting of Particular Synod: Rev. E. S. Ralston, Primarius; Rev. C. H. Tyndall, Secundus. Rev. Abbott E. Kittredge, D. D., Primarius; Rev. Wm. Byron Forbush, Secundus.

T. H. MACKENZIE.
H. F. HAMLIN.
J. I. CAMPBELL
JACOB L. SNYDER.
WILLIAM VAN BUREN.

On motion, Revs. Berg, Courtney, and Elder Clark were excused.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to convey the sympathy of Synod to Rev. E. S. Ralston on account of his sickness and inability to read his paper prepared for this session.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to report next year in reference to the best method of notifying Secundi delegates of their appointment to the meetings of General Synod. Revs. H. Hageman, W. A. Dumont and Elder J. S. Bussing were made this committee.

On motion, it was resolved that the Stated Clerks of Classes see that care be exercised by the Committees on State of Religion in casting up the totals in the Tabular Reports.

On motion, it was resolved that the Stated Clerk be authorized to procure the printing of 300 copies of the minutes of this session of Synod.

Resolved, That the Synod of New York express to the Ministers, Consistory and Congregation of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church their hearty thanks for the courteous reception, hospitable entertainment, and thoughtful provision for their comfort and convenience that have added so greatly to the pleasure of its sessions.

ARTICLE XX.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

The Treasurer presented the following account, which was read and referred to the Committee on Treasurer's Accounts, and their report, which was accepted and adopted, is as follows :

The Committee on Treasurer's Accounts make the following report :

They have examined the Treasurer's accounts and found them correct.

CHARLES S. WYCKOFF.
J. ROBERT BEALE.
P. W. PITCHER.
W. COOPER.

Dr. Particular Synod of New York in account with Theophilus A. Brouwer, Treasurer. Cr.

1904. May 26.	To Cash paid The Leader Company for printing 300 copies Minutes of 1904	$114 00	1904. May 2.	By Cash Balance from old account	$177 85
" 26.	" paid Rev. Herman Hageman for doorkeeper at Claverack Reformed Church	5 00	June 13.	" from Rev. Henry M. Cox, Questor Classis of New York	75 00
" 26.	" paid Rev. Herman Hageman for postage and stationery	3 48	Aug. 23.	" from R. M. Shepard, Esq., Treas., Classis of Hudson	27 00
" 26.	" paid Rev. Herman Hageman for salary as Stated Clerk for year ending May 1, 1905	100 00	Sept. 2.	" from Rev. Herman Hageman, Treas., Classis of Kingston	36 00
1905. May 2.	To balance due Synod to new account,	316 37	Oct. 21.	" from Rev. J. C. Forbes, Treas., Classis of Orange	50 00
			Oct. 24	" from Rev. John S. Gardner, Treas., South Classis of Long Island	54 00
			Oct. 29.	" from H. L. Garrison, Esq., Treas., Classis of Westchester	32 00
			1905. Feb. 1.	" from Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D D., Treas., Classis of Poughkeepsie	28 00
			Mar. 24.	" from Rev. Hermon H. Shook, Treas., North Classis of Long Island	59 00
		$ 538 85			$538 85

E. E. New York, May 2nd, 1905.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, Treasurer.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO SYNOD.

Classis of Hudson

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. E. W. Florence.	Rev. G Z. Collier.
" C. E. Corwin.	" Nicholas Pearse.
" Charles Park.	" E. T. F. Randolph.
Elder Wm. VanBuren.	Elder Eugene Gardner
" Peter F. Potts.	" Henry Buerman.
" H. B. Putnam.	" Levi Raught.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. F. B. Seeley.	Rev. J. B. Appel.
" W. P. Francisco.	" C. E. Lasher.
" E. M. Duck.	" H. Hageman.
Elder Geo. B. Merritt.	Elder A. L. F. Deyo.
" R B. Dunn.	" J. E. LeFever.
" DeWitt Stokes.	" J. L. Snyder.

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. Edward Niles.	Rev. J. S. N. Demarest.
" J. R. Swain.	" C. D. F. Steinfuhrer.
" August Guenther.	" R H. Barr.
" J. C. Hume.	" Wm. H. Jackson.
" Ernest Gutweiler.	" Lewis Francis.
Elder E. J. Hendrickson.	Elder Benj. J. Bergen.
" John Hepburn.	" Henry Mencken.
" John L. Bogert.	" John P. Hesch.
" Charles Van der Veer	" Wm. Scheld.
" A. H. Wallmikler.	" Wm. Boyd.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. A. H. Brush.	Rev. H. J. Herge.
" J. M. Farrar.	" W. T. E. Adams.
" J. D. Adam.	" P. V. Van Buskirk.
" F. C. Erhardt.	" J. E. Lloyd.
Elder J. Van Brunt.	Elder George Pool.
" S. Rowland.	" John Bingham.
" J. F. Berry.	" P. L. Van der Veer.
" G. S. Kouwenhoven.	" E. Suydam

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. Edgar Tilton. Jr.	Rev. Floyd Decker.
" H. C. Weber.	" Joseph M. Hodson.
" E. B. Coe.	" A. H. Allen.
" J. F. Berg.	" O. L. F. Mohn.
" Julius W. Geyer.	" W. Reese Hart.
" J. H. Oerter.	" E. G. W. Meury.
Elder C. A. Runk.	Elder W. L. Brower.
" C. A. Mapes.	" W. N. Clark.
" J. W. Castree.	" David Layton.
" W. Maul.	" J. D. Shipman.
" W. P. Glenney.	" R. J. McCracken.
" M. T. Bogert.	" C. L. Francisco.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. Geo. Hauser.	Rev. J. E. Crane.
" J. McIntyre.	" G. S. Garretson.
" J. C. Forbes.	" E. O. Moffett.
" B. T. Statesir.	" A. T. Broek.
Elder F. V. Bush.	Elder C. D. Immens.
" G. W. Decker.	" Francis Stall.
" Jesse Crane.	" A. S. Decker.
" R. D. Clark.	" W. S. Taylor.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. C. G. Mallery.	Rev. A. P. Van Gieson.
" A. E. Bird.	" E. S. Ralston.
" H. N. Cobb.	" E. A. MacCullum.
Elder Franklin Sutton.	Elder T. A. VanWagner.
" G. W. Merritt.	" F. R. Benjamin.
" Stephen Van Wyck.	" E. A. Briggs.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Rev. J. L. Robertson.	Rev. A. F. Mabon.
" H. DeVries.	" J. I Campbell.
" G. A. T. Goebel.	" J. W. Hoyt, Jr.
Elder J. W. Cole.	Elder J. H. Lent.
" Major M. H. Bright.	" N. P. Hunter.
" W. J. Charlton.	" Frederick Sprenger.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTION TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned to meet in regular session on the first Tuesday of May, 1906, at 3 P. M., in the Second Reformed Church of Tarrytown, N. Y.

ARTICLE XXIV.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved. The roll was called and the Synod adjourned after prayer by Rev. P. V. Van Buskirk.

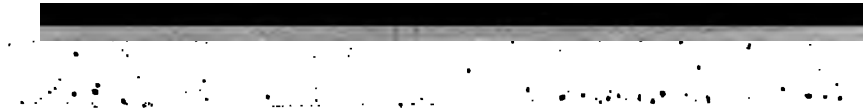
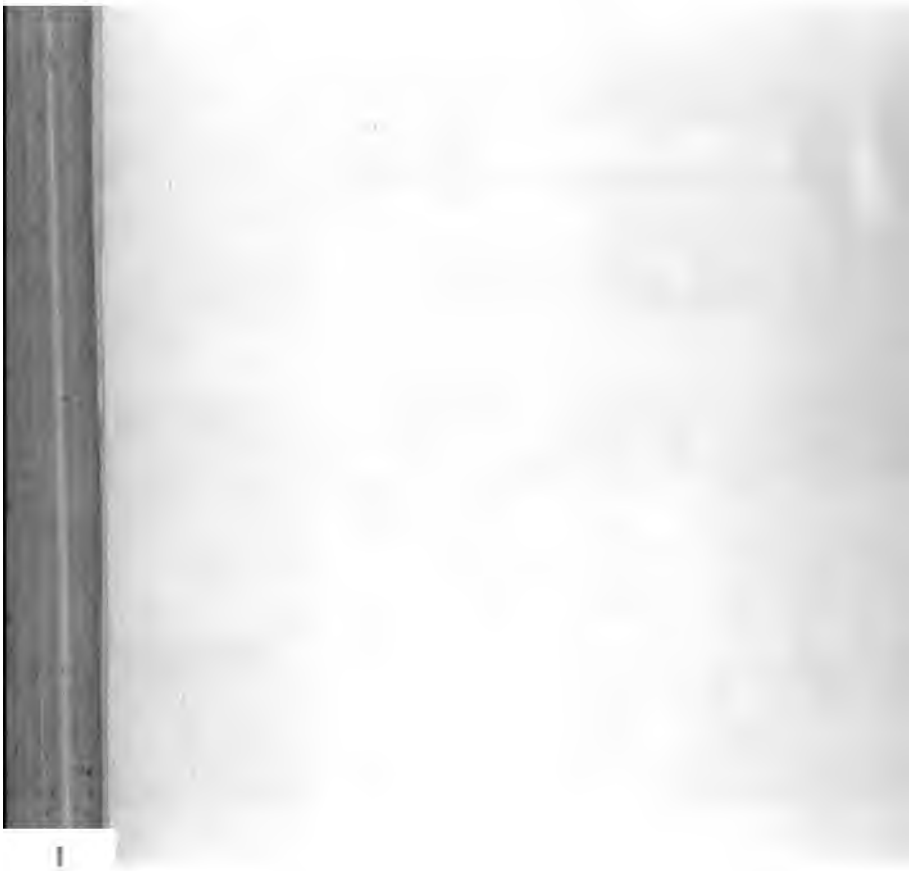
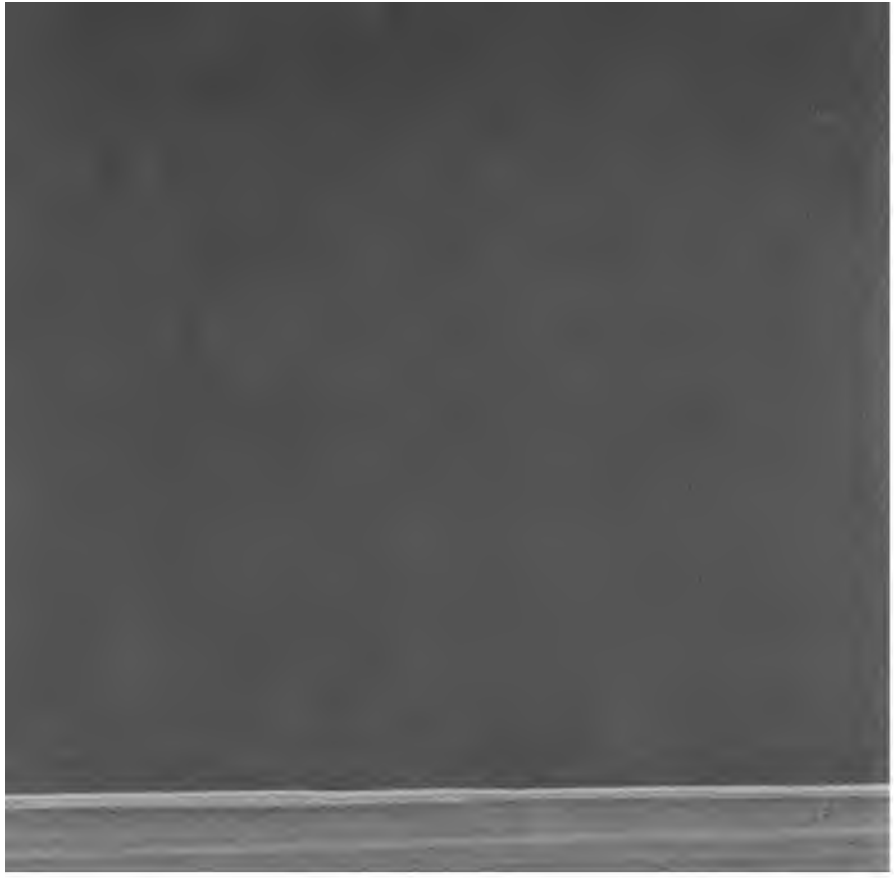
P. V. VAN BUSKIRK, *President.*
JOSEPH R. DURYEA, *Vice-Pres.*

FRANK MALVEN, *Tem. Clerk.*
CHARLES MAAR, *Tem. Clerk.*

A true copy.

HERMAN HAGEMAN, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

Presidents and Places of Meeting of the Synod since the Reorganization of the Particular Synods, 1870-1905.

1870—Rev. M. S. Hutton, D. D.....Yonkers.
1871—Rev. Goyn Talmage, D. D.....Flushing.
1872—Rev. E. P. Rogers, D. D.,.....Rhinebeck.
1873—Rev. John A. Todd, D. D.....Tarrytown (1st).
1874—Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D. D....Poughkeepsie (2d).
1875—Rev. John McC. Holmes, D. D...Brooklyn (1st).
1876—Rev. David Inglis, D. D.....Port Jervis.
1877—Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, D. D...Yonkers.
1878—Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D. D..Newburgh.
1879—Rev. Charles I. Shepard, D. D...Greenpoint.
1880—Rev. Wm. Ormiston, D. D..... Mount Vernon.
1881—Rev. David Cole, D. D.....Montgomery.
1882—Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck.....Jamaica, L. I.
1883—Rev. E. C. Scudder, D.D., M.D...Brighton Heights, S. I.
1884—Rev. David N. Vanderveer, D.D., New York (South).
1885—Rev. Herman C. Berg, D. D.....Yonkers.
1886—Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D. D...Newburgh.
1887—Rev. J. Chamberlain, D.D., M.D., Claverack.
1888—Rev. Wm. H. Gleason, D. D.....Kingston.
1889—Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D. D....Poughkeepsie.
1890—Rev. Lewis Francis, D. D.....N. Y. City (48th St. Col.)
1891—Rev. James Demarest, D. D.... Tarrytown (1st).
1892—Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye, D. D., Brooklyn (S. Bushwick).
1893—Rev. John L. MacNair.....N.Y.City (Bloomingd'le)
1894—Rev. Ame Vennema, D. D.,.....New Utrecht, L. I.
1895—Rev. Chas. W. Fritts, D. D. ....Fishkill.
1896—Rev. Ferd. S. Schenck, D. D....Yonkers.
1897—Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D. D.. Jamaica, L. I.
1898—Rev. Alfred H. Brush, D. D. .. Fishkill-on-Hudson.
1899—Rev. Herman Hageman.....Walden.
1900—Rev. David J. Burrell, D. D.....Rhinebeck.
1901—Rev. William P. Bruce... .....New Paltz.
1902—Rev. J. Edward Lyall.....Brooklyn (12th St.).
1903—Rev. T. H. Mackenzie.....Kingston.
1904—Rev. E. C. Oggel, D. D.....Claverack.
1905—Rev. P. V. Van Buskirk.....N. Y. City (Mad. Ave.)